



Joan Louise Herlocker

November 28, 1935 - January 19, 2025

Joan was born in Petaluma November 28, 1935, to her parents Angelo and Lillian Arata. Her mother passed away a few months after her birth and she was then raised by the Garibaldi family. Antonio and Amelia Garibaldi along with their three sons and daughter, they made Joan a part of their family in Vallejo Ca.

Joan went to Vallejo high School and graduated in 1954. She worked at the family market on Tennessee Street in Vallejo. In June 1962, after a two-year courtship, Joan married Bill Herlocker. Joan loved to bowl and was part of a bowling league at Miracle Bowl, Vallejo Bowl and Kentwig. She was additionally a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority in Vallejo.

In 1975, Joan and Bill opened Ideal Drugs on North Texas St. in Fairfield. They later opened Medical Clinic Pharmacy on Empire St which they ran until they sold the pharmacy to Safeway in 2004.

In 1998, they moved to Green Valley where they lived for many years. They traveled with their friends and relatives during retirement.

Lee Gile, was one of Joan's best friends. He was a loyal friend throughout her life and she always appreciated his checking in on her in Sacramento in her last months. Joan had many friends that were very special to her—Adeline

Nettleton was her oldest friend, and she always valued her relationship with her neighbors, Donna and Jim Hansen.

Joan was well cared for by her family and wonderful caregivers Lani, Meeyah, and Shaunte. Joan was preceded in death by her husband Bill of 62 years.

She is survived by three daughters, Terri (Dave) Mikolajewski, Vickie (Jeff) Wilson and Kelly (John) Latimer; six grandchildren Lauren Braun, Jack Wilson, Olivia Wilson, Julia Latimer, Claire Latimer, Emily Latimer and two great grandchildren Cameron and Jack. She also survived by her sister, Margaret Anthony; sisters-in-law, Gloria Garibaldi, and Sally Gerlach as well as brothers-in-law Bob and Danny Herlocker.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; and her brothers, Joe, Lou and Bill Garibaldi and Ray and Melvin Arata.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the direction and care of Twin Chapels Mortuary in Vallejo. All services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to SPCA: <https://secure.worldanimalprotection.us/6FwrDB3ON0yqLfaR78OUGQ2>

Cemetery Details

Rockville Cemetery

4219 Suisun Valley Rd.
Fairfield, CA 94534

Tribute Wall

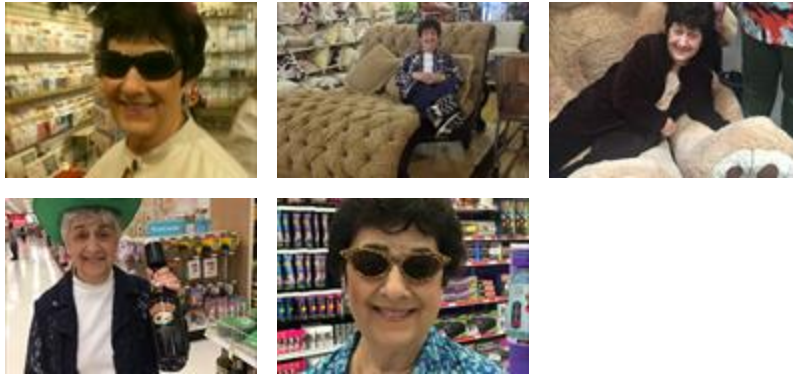
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“ *My best friend is gone. But I have such great memories of Pockets. You would always be laughing and enjoying eating with me. I will always remember you and always miss you. Rest Well my friend.*

Donna - May 28, 2025 at 05:30 PM

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“ *10 files added to the tribute wall*



Donna - May 28, 2025 at 05:28 PM

LM

“ *Your family was like my second family. I have a lot of nice memories of Joan (and Bill) and you girls. Your family pictures are such a nice tribute to the love you all have. May she rest in peace, happy and healthy again with Bill and visiting with all the angels who preceded her. Lori*

Lori Morgan - February 08, 2025 at 06:36 PM

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“ So sorry your mom is no longer with you. Your family pictures are filled with much love. You can feel the blessings you gave each other.

Your dad's mom, Doll, and my dad, Butch, were brother and sister. I wish I had the opportunity to have met your mom. Bless you all.
Kay O'Connor

Kay O'Connor - February 08, 2025 at 05:20 PM

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Please accept our condolences in the loss of your mom. Joan was a sweetheart, kind and always a smile. Memories of her will comfort your family. Fondly, Carole and Gayton

Carole Gayton Tarantino - February 08, 2025 at 06:34 PM

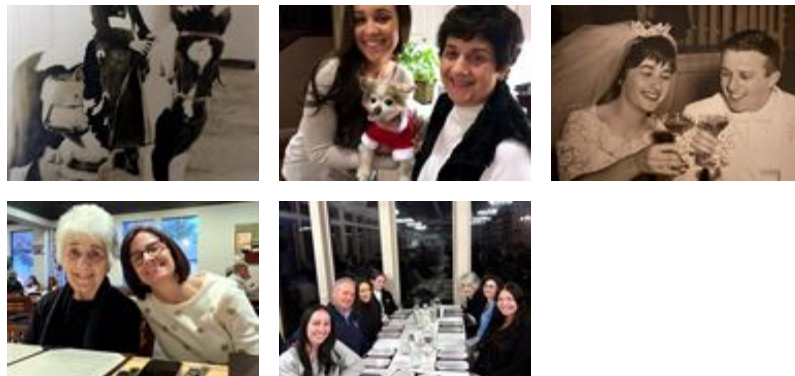
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“ Only met her once when I was very young. Still remember her being very kind and sharing to me- and the memories of the encounter is still vivid in my mind. Sorry she has left us— but happy she has joined her husband in heaven. Her vitality and love will be missed

Kelly Oconnor - February 08, 2025 at 04:21 PM



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Twin Chapels Mortuary - February 06, 2025 at 01:13 PM

TC

So sorry, Joan was much loved by all who new her. I started working for her and Bill when Ideal Drugs was opened. They are both in my heart and prayers!

Theresa Cross - February 08, 2025 at 05:56 PM