



Donna

April 25, 1942 - May 6, 2023

Donna “Mountain Mama” Miralda Norell, passed away May 6th 2023, surrounded and held by loved ones in Corning, CA, her home of 56 years. When she was born April 25th 1942 a beautiful force entered the world! The daughter of Francis C. and Rose Catherine Miralda (Maloney), she was the oldest sibling to her brother Dennis (wife Marie, children Jennifer Miralda, Leigh Ann Ambrose, John Ferrando, and Brigid Barlesi (nephews Joseph and Max)). Her beloved Sister Dolores Inez and Grandson Josh Warner preceded her in death. She is beloved and survived by her husband of 20 years Gregory Norell and daughters Anamarie Schofield (Ian Warner and wife Amber, Great-Grandchildren Diesel and Willow), and Josh Warner, COL (Ret) Victoria Miralda, stepson Aaron Norell (wife Elizabeth and children Dakota and Wyatt), brother in-law John Stack, nieces and nephews Sean Stack (wife Christina, great-nephews Kayden and Liam), Bobby Stack (wife Cynthia, great-nephew Logan and niece Kamryn), Ryan Stack and cousin Marie- Ann Beebe McGinty. Born in San Francisco, CA, Donna was a pioneer of ocean sailing racing and an accomplished artist, angler, HAM radio operator, and olive grower and orchardist. She could make anything grow! Always an outdoors enthusiast and champion of nature, she served as a longtime 4-H leader in Tehama County, was a successful bay area small business owner, Bethel Island, CA President of Chamber of Commerce, and Life Director at Large of the CA striped bass association. She brought light and energy wherever she went and to all she touched. She is deeply grieved by lifelong friends as well as new, including in Mexico where she has cruised and explored for the last 15 years with her husband. A celebration of life Mass will be held Friday May 12th at 1100, at Good Shepard Catholic Church, 901 Oceana Blvd, Pacifica, CA 94044. Interment will be at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, Colma, CA, following. The family thanks the many loving attentive hands caring for her in her final days, Cynthia Stack, Greg Norell’s daughters Allison and Andrea, Kathy and “Kimmie” Tiner and the wonderful nursing staff, second floor cardiac, at Kaiser Vacaville and Butte Hospice Agency. She was loved every minute and will continue in spirit with us in all we do. In lieu of flowers, the Family asks you plant a tree with your Family in her honor. “We have a lot of Living Left to Do.”

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery

1500 Mission Rd
Colma , CA 94014

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church
901 Oceana Blvd
Pacifica, CA 94044

Graveside Service

MAY 12. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery
1500 Mission Rd
Colma , CA 94014

Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donna.



May 10, 2023 at 09:48 AM

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“ 8 bells, the changing of the watch, is a moment that one chapter is ending, while a new one begins. For us, here, it reminds us that Donna's watch is over, it is time for her to rest in peace.
“8 Bells and All's Well”

Jim Samuels - May 09, 2023 at 10:55 PM

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“ As fellow sailors and marina neighbors of sv Magic Carpet and more recently, mv Magic Carpet Grande our community has lost a very accomplished cruiser, world traveler, superb raconteur, and good friend. She will be missed dearly by Teresa and Jim Pinter (sv Pochteca) and all who knew Donna in the Sea of Cortez that she loved so dearly. Fair winds and calm seas to Greg and her family who she talked about so often.

Jim Pinter - May 09, 2023 at 10:21 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Donna.



May 09, 2023 at 08:56 PM