



Joe Guerra, Jr.

October 26, 1926 - June 14, 2019

Willow Glen

On Friday, June 14th, Joe Guerra Jr. peacefully passed away at 92 years old. Joe was the last of 8 children, born to his Italian immigrant parents, Joe and Angelina Guerra. He was preceded in death by his siblings John, Mary, Mike, Frank, Pete, Lou, and Theresa. He lived a life full of love and charm. Joe started his career working for his family's business Guerra's Market in downtown, then opening Guerra Brothers Sporting Goods with his brother Lou. He later started Villa West Realty in Willow Glen, where he was a fixture for decades. He generously gave his time to multiple organizations including the IAHF, San Jose Elks, the County Fish and Game Commission and the Italian Men's Civic Club. Most importantly, he cared for his wife Willa, son Joe, daughter Judy, four grandchildren Ashley, Gina, Reise, and Shane, as well as multiple nieces and nephews, all of whom continue to spread his legacy and memory. All who knew Joe will remember his passion, larger than life personality and willingness to give. He will be missed by many.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to Hearts and Minds Activity Center (San Jose) or the [Alzheimer's Association](#).

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Willa Guerra

July 02, 1924 - July 12, 2019

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18 days after her husband Joe Guerra, Jr's funeral and ten days after her 95th birthday (that she celebrated robustly with family and friends), Willa left us peacefully on July 12th. She was surrounded by family and loved ones in her home her quick wit, immense strength and deep faith shining brightly right to the end.

Willa was the one of five children, born to her parents, Ed and Elsie Egger in Grand

Junction, CO. She was preceded in death by her siblings Edith, Betty, Bud and Alzo. She lived a life full of caring and compassion, generously giving her time to St. Christopher's School and Church for over 40 years. She was an avid gardener and loved to paint. Most importantly, she cared deeply for her husband Joe, son Joe and daughter Judy, four grandchildren Ashley, Gina, Reise, and Shane (all of whom she bragged about continually), as well as multiple nieces and nephews. She was amazing in her strength and she was ready to catch up with her husband and they are now undoubtedly dancing the nights away in heaven. She will be missed by many, but she also left explicit instructions: "No crying, have a drink and do something fun." In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Christopher's Church (San Jose).

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