



## Mary Jane Garrett

February 26, 1925 - June 4, 2021

Our Mother Mary "Jane" passed away peacefully in Visalia on June 4, with her daughters by her side.

Jane was born Feb 26, 1925 in Modesto, CA to Stanley and Violet Leonardo. Some of her fondest memories were growing up there at the "River Bottom Ranch". She later attended elementary school in Exeter, CA graduating High School in 1942 from VUHS, Visalia.

In April of 1944 she married her childhood sweetheart Gabriel Renzi, together they had 4 children. Gabriel passed away in 1968. Jane then with her 2 young children relocated to Laverne, CA where she continued to work for First American Title. She later married Kenneth Garrett moving their residence to San Bernardino, CA until his retirement and coming back to Visalia in 1978. Prior to working for First American she spent many years as a clerk with Automobile Club, not liking retirement too much she moved on to part-time bookkeeper position at the Visalia Bowling Alley which was her 2nd retirement.

Jane had a lot of enjoyment from life, she loved music which is one of the things her children remember well having the house filled with music either she and Gabe were playing their accordions or her "78's" were playing all the oldies to which she always sang all the words. She also played the piano, organ and harmonica. It was later she entertained at many of the care homes in the Valley area singing with the Sweet Adeline's.

Mom loved to cook and did a fabulous job whether baking her incredible pies,

trying new recipes or Mastering Authentic Italian cooking she was taught by her mother in law. She also was a year round league bowler; square danced, and enjoyed desert camping, dune buggies and golf. She loved to knit and crochet. We have her many crocheted and knitted keepsakes she so lovingly made for each of us. Mom loved her trips to the Casinos even after her health was failing could often be found on the bench outside grocery store scratching off her lotto tickets, and she was lucky.

We would be amiss if we did not mention that our Mother was a "Rule Keeper" about everything in life, she had an endearing gentleness and will be so dearly missed.

Jane was preceded in death by her husband's Gabriel Renzi and Kenneth Garrett, brothers Billy and James, sister Eleanor Shahan and son in law Paul Enos. She is survived and will be lovingly remembered by her children, daughters Janice Renzi Enos, Jacqueline Renzi Hall (David), Judith Renzi Maciel all of Visalia, son Phillip Renzi (Marcia) of Sherrills Ford, NC and sister Irene Alipaz, Visalia. Jane has 7 grandchildren Michelle Austin, Tina Rudig, Bryan and Brad Cary, Christopher, Gabriel, and Brianna Renzi, 9 greats, 3 great-greats, and many nephews and nieces.

Words can't express the heartfelt thank-you that goes out to all the wonderful, Nurses and loving caregivers at TLC Senior Facility. We thank you all for the comfort you gave to Mom and all of us during this long struggle with Alzheimer's and for the exceptional care that was always given and love you all showed. Our thanks also go to Kindred Hospice Nurses and Clergy for the hard job you all do every day you were awesome and are so loved and appreciated.

A visitation will be offered at Salser and Dillard, Visalia on Thursday June 17, 8am ♦ 9:30 am with graveside service following 10:30am at Visalia Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Assn, Kindred Hospice, or place of choice.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN 17. 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM (PT)

Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 E Caldwell Ave  
Visalia, CA 93277

## Graveside

JUN 17. 10:30 AM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery  
1300 W Goshen Ave  
Visalia, CA 93291

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Jane Garrett*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - June 15, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ *Jane was such a sweet lady, she passed her love and spirit along to her children, Janice, Jackie, Judy and Phillip. God had a reason to continue her life with her memory loss, she's in heaven and resting peaceably now. Love and beautiful memories, she left something good behind. Love to you all, Martie*

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**Martie Vagt** - June 15, 2021 at 10:55 PM

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“ Jan, Jackie, Judy and Phil:

*Just want to let you know we are thinking about you and the loss of your mother. Jane was such a sweet lady. So many memories of the "Westcott" kids and all the fun times we had. I sure enjoyed being on her bowling team for so many years. Mom and her were quite a duo. Lol. I do remember her making homemade pasta and I believe she would string it across her kitchen chairs. She always seemed to have a smile on her face. Rick and I are sending hugs and prayers. Your mother is watching you from above.*

*Rick and Carol Son*

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**Carol Son** - June 14, 2021 at 04:33 PM