



## Porfíria M Correia-Rocha

October 31, 1923 - August 3, 2025

Porfíria M. Correia-Rocha, 101, of Tulare, passed away peacefully on August 3, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. She was preceded in death by her Husbands, Joaquim J. Correia and Joe S. Rocha, her brothers, Francisco, Antonio, Joao and Jos<sup>✦</sup> Mauricio. She is survived by her Nephew and Godson, Joseph Mauricio III, Three beautiful Neices, Susan, Christina and Dianna Mauricio and two great-nephews, Daniel and Noah Mauricio. Born October 31st, 1923 in Santa Barbara, Ter<sup>✦</sup>eira, Azores to Francisco and Porfíria Mauricio. As a renowned Portuguese Radio Voice, her global presence will be deeply missed.

She lived life to the fullest, traveling the world with her husband, Joaquim Correia, a celebrated accordionist.

She enjoyed cooking, especially the best Portuguese sweetbread in the world, and nurturing her stunning rose gardens. Her greatest passion was touching lives through kindness, love, and generosity.

She volunteered to sew uniforms for WWII soldiers at Lajes Field, a Portuguese Air Force base (Base A<sup>✦</sup>rea N.<sup>✦</sup> 4) on Terceira Island. There, she met Jos<sup>✦</sup> Rocha, a Portuguese soldier, and fell deeply in love. However, they lost contact when he was stationed in Europe. Following her father's passing in the early 1950s, she immigrated to the U.S. to join her mother and brothers on a small dairy farm in Lemoore, CA. She worked diligently alongside her brothers, feeding calves and milking cows. At a Portuguese celebration, she met the accordionist, Joaquim Correia and ever since, they

shared a deep connection for 26 years. She remained devoted to her husband until his passing in 1984. In 1997, the WWII soldier Jos<sup>✦</sup> Rocha's sister informed her of his widowhood, and they rekindled their romance after 57 years. They married in 1998, until his passing in 2006. Throughout her life, she demonstrated remarkable resilience and kindness. She was a member of I.D.E.S, the Tulare Cabrillo Club #12, the T.D.E.S. Portuguese Hall of Tulare, and the Tulare Angrense Athletic Club.

May God bless her and grant her eternal peace in the Kingdom of Glory.  
Amen