



Sally Jean Merzoian

November 3, 1931 - October 27, 2022

Sally Jean Sheffield Merzoian passed away peacefully on October 27, 2022. She was born on March Air Force Base in 1931. The Sheffield family moved to Hickham Air Force Base in Hawaii where she learned hula dances and other Hawaiian customs. Their idyllic life was upended when Pearl Harbor was attacked. The family eventually relocated to Visalia where Jean met the love of her life, Edward Merzoian Jr. While raising her four children, Jean raised seeing eye dogs for the blind and later took up golf. Her natural talent led her to win multiple golf tournaments and championships. She served as a golf course rater throughout the state for many years. In 1973, Ed along with family founded the highly acclaimed winery, Chateau St. Jean, which was named after her. Her love of Hawaii never left her and she was known to sing Hawaiian songs and dance the hula for family and friends.

Jean is survived by her children, Alex (Jenay), Teresa (Joey), Dianna (Keith); 5 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Edward and son Ed.

A very special thank you to Yureni, Raquel and Claudette for all their loving care and support. Also, thank you to Bristol Hospice, especially Kelly, Emma, Brian, Adrian and Yasmin.

Previous Events

Graveside

NOV 3. 9:00 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 Sally Jean Merzoian*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - November 02, 2022 at 11:50 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sally Jean Merzoian.*



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