



Antoinette "Toni" Borrello

July 7, 1923 - July 25, 2013

Antoinette "Toni" Borrello, age 90, of Carpinteria, CA, passed away in peace and surrounded by family on Thursday, July 25, 2013 at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla, CA. Born on July 7, 1923 in Scottsdale, AZ, she was the daughter of the late Vincente and Ambrosia Ramirez. Toni and her family moved to Carpinteria in 1938.

Toni was a kind, loving, hardworking woman with a big heart. She dedicated her life to serving the Lord and lending a helping hand to those in need. She set the spiritual example for her children and grandchildren by living the Word of Jesus Christ. Her life was an example of "me last and others first".

In her earlier years she thoroughly enjoyed volunteering her time to help Army soldiers during the war and serving as a proud member of the American Business Women's Association. She strongly believed in the promotion of women in the workplace and in education. She was an avid reader. Her favorite books were autobiographies and history. She also enjoyed many travels.

She met the love of her life, Anthony "Tony" Borrello, in 1954. They opened their first restaurant, Tony's Italian Restaurant, in 1962 in Carpinteria, CA. It is still open today. Tony and Toni owned and operated three Italian restaurants in Santa Barbara County during their careers. They were an excellent team.

Toni's enduring faith carried her through all of her challenges in life. Her love for her family was unconditional and unyielding. Toni lit up every room with her beautiful smile and laughter. Toni's heart was kind, her mind fierce, and her spirit brave. Her legacy will live on in her family.

Preceded in passing by her loving husband of 20 years, Anthony Borrello, and son, Christopher Borrello; Toni is survived by her sister, Lucy Bellant; her children, Michael (Lucy) Borrello, Anna (William) de la Rosa, Susan (Dan) Dubé, Carla (Frank) Ramirez, and daughter-in-law, Linda Borrello; grandchildren, Ashley, Anthony, Michael Paul, Christopher, Theresa, Guillermo, Bernadette, Alexandria, Danny, Francesca, Christopher, Natalie, and Angelina; great-grandchildren, Shane, Gianna, Alexa, Noah, Joseph, Evan, Natalie, Layla, Christopher, and Isabella. She will be dearly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing and loving her.

Cemetery

Carpinteria Cemetery

1501 Cravens Lane
Carpinteria, CA, 93013

Events

AUG **Visitation** 01:00PM - 08:00PM

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Welch-Ryce-Haider - Downtown

15 E. Sola St., Santa Barbara, CA, US, 93101

AUG **Funeral Mass** 11:30AM

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St. Joseph's Catholic Church

1532 Linden Ave., Carpinteria, CA, US, 93013

Comments



“ I'm sorry to hear/read about your loss best wishes to the family especially Ashley... - Mike- from Iowa

mike - September 06, 2013 at 08:37 PM



“ It was always a family tradition to go to Tony's Pizza. My brother, John, worked there when we were younger. I will never forget how welcomed we always felt. The food was great; the company was great; we were all like family to the Borrelos. Good times that I will never forget. Mrs. Toni will be missed. My love and prayers go out to the Borrelo family.

Bonnie Chufar

Bonnie Chufar - August 09, 2013 at 05:07 PM



“ 50+ years ago, we teenagers used to call her "Mrs. Toni" (Tony, of course, was "Mr. Tony"). I left Carpinteria in the mid 60s, but I've never forgotten either of them, and I doubt that I ever will. I spent quite a few afternoons at Tony's Pizza reading my English assignments as I nursed a small soda (it's all I could afford); the Borellos always made me feel welcome. Vaya con Dios, Mrs. Toni...

Maggie ("Suzie") Munro

Maggie Munro - August 08, 2013 at 10:33 PM



“ I am so sorry to see that one of my favorite clients has passed. My heart goes out to all of the family at this very sad time. Toni always had a smile on her face and a cheerful attitude when she came to get her hair done. I will miss her. Hugs to all!
Maria Mitchell



Maria Mitchell - August 04, 2013 at 07:19 PM



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Scott Reid - August 01, 2013 at 04:01 PM