



Maria Adele Favro

August 9, 1913 - March 29, 2019

Maria 'Rena' Favro passed into eternal life on March 29, 2019, at the age of 105, with her family by her side. She was born to Italian immigrant parents in Strawn, Texas on August 9, 1913 where the family of six children had a challenging upbringing. Her father died when she was twelve and her mother remarried. In 1929 the family relocated to Santa Barbara. At that point she quit high school to help with family finances.

Maria was a nanny to the DeMott family of Hope Ranch and travelled with them extensively to the East Coast. She was able to see much of the country and acquired her beautiful manners during that time.

Maria met handsome Aldo Favro in 1933 at a Recreation Center dance and quickly stated to a friend that she was going to 'marry that man'. They married two years later. Maria and Aldo raised four children: Madeline Petrini (Julio); Angela Bear (Joe); Henry Favro (Therese); and Marie (Garcia) Favro. Maria is survived by 15 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Aldo (1988), three sisters, two brothers and grandson, Michael Petrini.

Maria had a lifetime love of cooking and entertaining. Along with her husband Aldo, she was an active member of the community in Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Saint Barbara Parish, Old Spanish Days Fiesta, Kiwanis, Elks Club, Milpas Merchants, Italian Boot Club, Sons of Italy and the Italian-American Society. They owned Kittler Hardware and Montecito Hardware for many years and Maria often worked in the stores.

At the age of 83, Rena decided to finally get the High School Diploma that she had postponed for 70 years. She graduated from Santa Barbara Adult High School in 1999. She always said that graduating was one of her most cherished achievements. She will be remembered for her remarkable memory and was proud and thankful for her longevity. She will be greatly missed by her loving family.

Rosary Service will be held Friday, April 5, at 7:00 PM at the Welch-Rice-Haider chapel, 15 East Sola Street, Santa Barbara. Maria's Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Old Mission Santa Barbara on Saturday, April 6, at 10.00 AM.

The Favro family extends special thanks to the caregivers of Meals on Wheels, Friendship Center, Vista Del Monte and Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care for their loving attention to Maria during her final years.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Old Mission Santa Barbara, 2201 Laguna Street. 93105, or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care, 512 E. Gutierrez St., Suite A, 93103. Arrangements entrusted to Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapels.

Previous Events

Rosary

APR 5. 7:00 PM (PT)

Welch-Ryce-Haider - Downtown
15 E. Sola St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 965-5145
info@wrhsb.com
<https://www.wrhsb.com>

Funeral Mass

APR 6. 10:00 AM (PT)

Old Mission Santa Barbara
2201 Laguna St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Tribute Wall

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“ *Zia Rena was special, period. She was EXTRA special to me as my god- and blood-mother. At birth I needed a transfusion and she immediately donated. She has always provided a role model for me, all our family, and beyond-- her quiet strength, endless love, fantastic cooking, strong marriage, great kids, outright class, and bursts of humor stand as exemplars for a life well lived. I miss her, but she and my mother look back at me from a picture on my desk encouraging me every day to be a better person.*

Diane Favro



Diane Favro - April 22, 2019 at 02:36 PM

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“ *"Mrs. Favro" as I always called her out of respect for more than 30 years was one of the sweetest persons one could ever hope to meet and her kind and loving demeanor must have been a strong inspiration to her family and all who were privileged to know her. May she now pass into the loving hands of the Father and enjoy the eternal peace and rest she richly deserves. To her loving family - you were richly blessed!*

Chuck Cagara

Chuck Cagara - April 01, 2019 at 11:37 PM

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I remember Angel food cake. She made it so well. It was a visit to Mom and Dad's in Goleta. The strength I felt, I will never forget. Words/phrases, unabashed sincere love come to mind. Truly a generous spirit. xo.

linda tonda - April 23, 2019 at 03:05 PM