



Mary Russell

March 12, 1921 - August 16, 2020

Mary A. Russell passed away peacefully at home on August 16, 2020. Mary was born to Joseph and Emily Dias in Modesto on March 12, 1921. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, and brother Julius E. Dias. She leaves her nieces Marianne Dias in Lower Lake, California; Theresa (Terry) Tierney and children and family in Berkeley and Patricia Kimono in Los Angeles.

She also leaves her dear and beloved caregiver Lulu Enriquez and her other caregiver Diana Tan. Mary was loved by all who knew her and she will be deeply missed.

She graduated from Ceres High School, Modesto Community College and San Jose State University where she received her High School teaching credential. She taught Business classes at Turlock High School, Washington High School in Fremont, and Newark High School.

She was a member and past president of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Morada Parlor #199. She was also a member of two Portuguese Fraternal Lodges - S.P.R.S.I #114 and U.P.E.C. #57, both in Modesto. She was a member of Retired Teachers Association in Fremont.

During her retirement she traveled extensively in Europe. She was extremely proud of her Portuguese ancestry.

Services will be held at Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home, 32992 Mission Blvd, Hayward CA 94544. Vigil and viewing will be Monday August 24th, 2020 at 6pm. Requiem Mass will be Tuesday August 25th, 2020 at 11:00am.

To ensure the health and safety of our community, we are following all guidelines set by local, state and CDC officials. If you are planning on attending a service, please contact

the funeral home in advance, so that we can plan accordingly.

Events

AUG **Visitation** 06:00PM

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Chapel of the Chimes Reflection Chapel

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AUG **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Mary was my Godmother and what a blessing she was in my life. She was always kind and loving to me, made it a point to be a part of my life, and was always there for me 100% of the time. I shall miss her smile, her laugh, and sparkling eyes. She had a great sense of humor and always fun to be around. I loved her positive attitude and the way she looked at life. My whole family loved her. She will always be a part of me, and I cherish all the precious moments we have shared over the years. Heaven has another Angel. Love you forever Godmother Mary. XO

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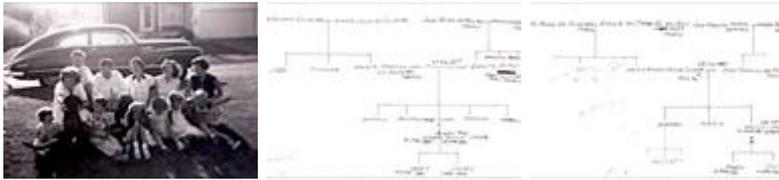
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“ My Aunt Mary was beloved by all who knew her. She had a sunny disposition; she was always cheerful, optimistic, and encouraging. Among her many accomplishments, Mary Russell was a past president of Daughters of the Golden West. On her father's side, Jose Dias was 13 years old when he arrived in California in 1868. On her mother's side, her great great grandfather Noyes came to the US in 1858 and served with the Union Army during the Civil War. Auntie Mary was a wonderful storyteller and passed down the family history through her enchanting tales.

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