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Patricia Ann Woropay
March 14, 1927 ~ July 29, 2023

Patricia (Pat) Ann Woropay, passed away on July 29, 2023 at her home in Thousand Oaks, California at the age of 96. She

was born in Hamtramck, Michigan on March 14, 1927 to Arthur and Eleanor Wilhelm.

In 1950, she married Henry Woropay, and shortly thereafter Henry was drafted into the Army and served in the Korean War. Once Henry returned, they relocated to California, raising three children in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Pat had a fulfilling 37-year career as a senior system specialist at Southern Pacific. Pat loved traveling around the world with Henry. She will truly be missed by all who crossed the path of her wonderful life.

She is survived by her three children Elinor, Hank, and Ward. She is also survived by her seven grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Pat was preceded in death by her husband Henry; siblings Virginia, Richard, Rosemary, and Thomas; and is survived by brother, Robert.

Gilbert Baldini
May 8, 1931 ~ August 20, 2023

Gilbert Baldini passed away on August 20, 2023 at home surrounded by his family. Gilbert worked as a machinist for the Southern Pacific,

was a member of the Elks Lodge, and the Laguna Racket Club. He loved to read and play tennis and handball. He practiced Judo and Jujitsu for many years earning a 3rd degree Black Belt. Traveling to Europe was a passion he thoroughly enjoyed for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Amanda Baldini; three children, Sabrina, George, and Geny, son-in-law, Stephen Lozano; grandchildren Lauren Lozano Vogt, and Stephanie Lozano Del Rosario, along with their husbands John Vogt and Kevin Del Rosario. He is also survived by three great grandchildren, William Vogt, Henry Vogt, and Rui Del Rosario. He will be immensely missed by his family.

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Dorothy Points Matthews
January 2, 1935 ~ August 26, 2023

Our hearts are heavy as we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Dorothy Points

Matthews, of Bakersfield, California, who left us on August 26, 2023. Dorothy, the oldest of seven children, was born to Wilbur and Katherine Jones in Omaha, Nebraska, on January 2, 1935.

At the age of eight, her family moved to Bakersfield, California, where her father began his career with Southern Pacific during the trying years of the Great Depression. Dorothy's recollections of those times included meals that often featured the dreaded turnip, a testament to the strength and resilience she carried throughout her life. Dorothy followed in her father's footsteps and dedicated approximately thirty years of her life to the Southern Pacific Railroad, beginning as a switchboard operator and later transitioning to dispatching.

Dorothy attended East Bakersfield High School, where she met her high school sweetheart, Jimmie (James Points). Their love story blossomed, and on June 13, 1953, they joined their lives in marriage. Their union was blessed with two children, Kathy in 1954 and Jamie in 1957. Dorothy's devotion to her family was unwavering; she was a loving wife and mother who never missed an important sporting event or activity in the lives of her children.

Together, Dorothy and Jimmie cultivated lasting friendships. Following Jimmie's retirement at the age of 56, they embarked on several years of joyous travel, creating cherished memories together. Sadly, their time was cut short when Jimmie passed away on October 28, 1995, at the age of 61.

On November 3, 2001, Dorothy found love once more when she married her second husband, Jeryl Matthews. Together, they explored the beauty of the United States and Europe, forging unforgettable experiences. Jeryl's children, Joanie and Randy, were welcomed into Dorothy's heart as if they were her own, sharing in the love and joy of their blended family.

Dorothy is survived by her loving husband, Jeryl; her children, Kathy (Bob) Davis and Jamie (Linda) Points; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She is also survived by

her sister, Maycelle (Larry) Davila, and brothers Wilbur Jr. (Linda) Jones and Kenneth Jones.

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Angelina Powell
February 12, 1931 ~ April 21, 2023

Angelina Powell, 92, passed away April 21, 2023 in Sparks, Nevada. Angelina was born on February 12, 1931 in Lincoln, California to Pauline and John Frausto. She was one of fifteen children and the only surviving twin. She attended Lincoln Elementary school and graduated from the eighth grade in June 1946.

Later in life, she moved to San Francisco, California, and on March 7, 1955, she began her career with Southern Pacific and subsequently retired with thirty-eight years of service.

Angelina loved to travel and garden, and she looked forward to parties and enjoyed dancing. She had a skill of making wreaths and flower arrangements for family and friends. She was devoted to her faith and a member of Sparks Christian Fellowship Church. She was also a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 3010 in Lincoln.

Angelina impacted those around her with much love, energy, spirit, and spontaneity; she will be missed by everyone that knew her.

Angelina is survived by her daughter, Yolanda Corral; brother, Joe Frausto; sister, Caroline Frausto-David; and many nieces and nephews.



Ronald John Comeaux
November 2, 1945 ~ August 19, 2023

Ronald John Comeaux, 77, passed away on August 19, 2023, in Houston, Texas. He was born on November 2, 1945, in New Orleans, Louisiana to Odel and Rita Comeaux.

He is survived by his wife, Greta Comeaux; son, Brian K. Comeaux and fiancée Tina; daughter, Angelique Farmer; three grandchildren, Dylan, Dylan, and Brooke; brothers, Larry Comeaux, Terry Comeaux, Benny Comeaux, and Jeff Comeaux; sister Corinne Gregory; and numerous family members and friends.

When his nation called, he answered by joining the United States Navy.

He worked and retired, as a safety manager for Southern Pacific and Union Pacific. He had a passion for life, family, and friends. Ron loved to spend time with family and friends cooking, camping, and fishing,