



Olga May Duke

January 5, 1924 - December 31, 2017

Olga May Fosse (Duke) was born in Arncliffe, Australia January 5, 1924 to Elsie(from Ireland)and Peter Fosse,(from Norway).

Mother passed away after a brief illness; December 31, 2017.

Mom met our Father, Pratt Eugene Duke in Sydney, Australia in 1942. Dad was a U.S. Navy sailor on brief leave from the conflict in the Pacific. They met through Mom's father who was an Australian Coast Guard Capitan and of the habit of inviting the "Yanks" to his home for a good meal and taste of family. Olga was taken by Gene and the couple were soon engaged. Dad had to get permission to marry Olga, applied three times before the wedding could be planned. After a brief honeymoon, Dad had to return to the Pacific.

Mom remained in Sydney until 1945, while Dad arraigned passage to America, all this through letters. After living with Dads family a short time in Provo, Ut, Olga moved to Los Angeles, and kept a home for Dad's return. The stress from Dad being gone and living in a totally new city, Olga was taken under the capable wing of Edna Roletti, who had five children Olga's age, the Rolettis became Olga and Gene's adoptive family.

Olga and Gene settled in for the quiet life by 1952. Afterwards, Dad was transferred to Bakersfield, Ca for a new position with Consolidated Electrical Distributors. Olga was a dental asst./office mgr. for 33 years, became a citizen of the USA, in which she was ever-proud. Gene and Olga were blessed with a baby boy in 1960 and another in 1963.

Olga was the glue that held our family together, marshalled us to school

functions, baseball, and swimming practices, always cooked world class meals, scrutinized our girlfriend choices, and kept an impeccable house. When the boys became men, married, had children, Olga was the biggest part of her grand –children’s lives and soon, named now “Gigi”, her great-grand children’s lives. We will miss her greatly, and envy Dad who now is re-united with his Norwegian Princess.

Love you Mom, Paul and Dan

Previous Events

Mass

JAN 8. 10:00 AM (PT)

Christ the King Catholic Parish
1800 Bedford Way
Bakersfield, CA 93308