



HELEN UHALDE

Helen Uhalde was born to Antoine and Elizabeth Saldubehere on April 16, 1929, and went home to our Lord surrounded by her loving family on May 9, 2013, at the age of 84. Helen was born and raised in the Pyrenees Mountains of Aldudes, France and came to the United States at the age of 21. Helen worked as a waitress and chef at the Noriega Basque Restaurant in Bakersfield and eventually made her home in Madera with Ernest Uhalde, her husband for 62 years.

Helen taught herself to become an accomplished seamstress and created countless outfits for her family and friends. She loved playing card games, especially mus, which earned her many championship trophies. She was well-renowned for her superb Basque cooking, especially her legendary Gateau Basque. Helen was a die-hard Giants fan who rarely missed a game. A volunteer at Madera Community Hospital, she was always giving unto others and brought joy to anyone who encountered her spirit and heard her beautiful French accented voice.

Helen leaves behind a strong lega-

cy of how one is truly meant to live: with passion, love, and selflessness. She chose to be a stay-at-home mother for her three daughters whom she cherished. Later on, she became an adored amatchi to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a faithful servant of God and was always seen attending Mass at St. Joachim's Church every Sunday. Helen's embodiment of grace, strength, intelligence, beauty and love will be forever treasured by those that knew her.

Helen was predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Ernest Uhalde.

Helen leaves behind three daughters and sons-in-law: Suzanne and Sam Etchegaray, Pauline and Malcom Dedekian, Elvira and Bill Griffith; grandchildren, Simone, Sam and Katie, Steven and Lindsay, Christine, Jack, Denise, Billy, Stacy and Jeff, Blair and Aaron; great-grandchildren, Madeleine, Mark, Emma, and Luke; sister, Mary Louise Anderson; sisters-in-law, Rose Anchordoguy and Leonie Uhalde; and many beloved nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Visitation will be held at Jay Chapel in Madera, Ca., on Thursday, May 16, 2013, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service following at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Joachim Catholic Church in Madera, on Friday, May 17, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery.

Remembrances may be made to St. Joachim's Catholic Church Building Fund; Madera Community Hospital; or to the donor's favorite charity.

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