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Barbara Ramos Salsedo - a remarkable woman who demonstrated strength, intelligence, and above all, love for her family — passed into eternal rest on Thursday, May 7, 2020, in Redwood City, California, after a diagnosis of cancer two months prior.

Barbara was married to her beloved husband, Peter, for 47 years before he preceded her in death in 1995. Before that, her mother, Mercedes Colon Ramos, who lived with Barbara and her family for 41 years, passed away in 1991.

Barbara is survived by her three grown children, Paula, Lydia, and Peter. She was blessed with 4 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. She enjoyed getting together at family reunions, where she was lovingly known as “Grandma 2.”

Barbara was born on March 31, 1925, in Honokaa, Hawaii, to Joseph and Mercedes (Colon) Ramos. She often expressed gratitude that her family did not suffer the ravages of the Great Depression because they had enough land to grow their own food. She was an excellent student who was serious about learning in spite of the fact that opportunities were limited in their small country village.

At the age of 16 after an early graduation from high school, she moved to Honolulu where she soon found a job in a café near Pearl Harbor. Not long after, the infamous bombing of the naval base took place, launching the country into World War II. Barbara told many fascinating stories of life during the war, with blackouts and rations, and interactions with soldiers from Pearl Harbor. During this time, she enrolled in secretarial school, where she learned shorthand, a skill she never forgot. She soon obtained a job with the Department of Defense at Pearl Harbor.

She met Peter through mutual friends and within a year they were engaged. Six months later, they married in 1948.



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In 1957, Peter and Barbara moved their family to Redwood City, California where she lived for 63 years. They were both employed by the US Navy as civilians, and were able to transfer from Pearl Harbor to Hunters Point. She was a proud federal retiree, having worked for the US Navy for 20 years as a statistician.

After retirement Barbara was active in several organizations, including the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) association and Fun After 50. She served for many years as an officer on various boards, including multiple terms as president, secretary, and treasurer. She was active at the Redwood City Senior Center where she volunteered in many capacities, including serving meals, as a bingo caller, and in other supportive roles. Bingo was her favorite social outlet. She had many friends through the senior center activities, especially bingo.

For more than 60 years, she followed the San Francisco Giants baseball team with a passion, never missing a game on TV or radio. She loved sports and preferred to watch a sporting event over all other entertainment. Game shows were a close second. One week before she passed away, she was still able to answer questions on Jeopardy and solve puzzles on Wheel of Fortune.

Barbara is survived by her 3 children: Paula (Dick) Cullen of Spokane, Washington; Lydia Salsedo of Don Benito, Spain; and Peter Salsedo of Redwood City, California; 4 grandchildren: Chris & Annie Cullen of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Chad & Renee (Cullen) Vandouris of Spanaway, Washington; Aaron & Joy (Cullen) Holsinger of Eagle, Idaho, and Rich and Tamara Cullen of Spokane, WA; 13 grandchildren: Alex, Nick, & Ashley Cullen; Bo & Brittany (Vandouris) Rainwater; Jessica & Ben Vandouris; Isaiah, Trinity, & Reese Holsinger; Mercedes, Charlotte, Nora, & Sylvia Cullen. Her pride and joy was a 5th generation great-great granddaughter, Bradleigh Joy Rainwater.

Barbara brought much joy to those around her. She was a “people person” who loved to serve others and socialize with her friends, which she did until just before her recent illness. She left the world a better place. She adored her husband, children, and grandchildren; she blessed her friends in countless ways; and she ultimately followed Jesus Christ into eternity. To those who love her, she will be mourned and missed the remainder of their days.

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.



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Linda Hayward posted:

Paula and Dick, I hope you find comfort in each other and your entire family remembering the happy days with your beautiful mother Barbara. She was a special woman to have such love all around her. Photos full of smiles, what a great tribute. Thinking of you ~ Linda (Quirk) Hayward

May 20 at 10:45 AM



Paula Salsedo Cilullen October 25 at 3:50 PM

Thank you so much, Linda. So sorry, I'm only now seeing this. But I really appreciate your thoughtful words. God bless...



Marcia Barnikel lit a candle in honor of Barbara.

My heart goes out to all the family at this time of sorrow. I always enjoyed talking to Barbara at the Bingo at the Redwood City Senior Center. Take care and God Bless. Best Regards, Marcia Barnikel

May 13 at 3:25 PM



Paula Cullen May 19 at 2:35 AM

Thank you, Marcia, for your kind words in remembrance of my mother.



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Paula Cullen shared an album called **Barbara Salsedo**.



May 10 at 6:08 PM

JS **Jean Sierra** May 20 at 12:16 AM
Love you aunty

JS **Jean Sierra** May 20 at 12:14 AM
Aunty, you don't know it now because you are gone. It doesn't stop me to send my condolences to your immediate families (cousins of ours through Domingo /Angie Salsedo) both whom have passed on as well. I was quite happy to see you aunty at least 3 years ago at the senior bingo when my sister Ethel of Redwood City told me she seen you there. It was EXCITING to stand in front of you and have you "stare" at me in confusion & asking if you could help me and I said: YOU SURELY CAN, I'll Take a Hug & kiss. We held up the line a bit then you seen Ethel, and said "Jean"" I said yes ma'am. We were both smiles and Sis Ethel said; I told you I would bring Jean by. We were both joyed. You aunty, I couldn't have been more than 10 yrs. old when you seen me last. We used to visit yours & uncle's home when we were young. My mother married into the Salsedo Family & added her 4 children then had two more from dad Salsedo, and he had 4 You know, that made ten. Wow! we had tons of fun because all of our ages were quite close. Good old days. I was only 5 yrs. at that time but love all my brother's & sister's. You may bump into a few there. Mom, dad, 3-brothers, 1 sister. I missed the heck out of my young day life. I was loved & I know that for sure. Ok aunty I'm sending you my love, hugs, kisses & ask for your forgiveness of not being there to say good bye to a loving anty & woman. I love you here & there. You will never leave my heart. Oh my aunty, please may I ask of you from afar to please give MY SON JOHN a great big hug for me. I lost my son only 54 on Feb. 3rd. and I'm not at all excepting it very well but am trying hard for my husband & other three children whom I am grateful to God that I still have. Plz tell uncle about our special meeting & I love him also. TOO MY COUSIN's and your families, I send my condolences & comfort prayers to you all. Forgive us cousins here for not being there for your mom but we would've done our best to show up to bless anty with respect. Now that I have found out for sure, I'll inform my sister's & brother Buddy it was a real thing that Ethel's friend told her just two days ago my sis asked me to try to find out. Well, I'm sorry it was true but am happy aunty isn't suffering. In closing I want to say, Aunty has a lot to be proud of with a nice big family and her Life Story was totally exquisite. Quite a Champion. You may not know us but we love you all cousins. Buddy- Ethel- Claire- Jean- Martha 5 of us left- 81-80-78-75-66.. 4 of us Calif, 1 Hawaii



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Ellen Alberstat posted:

Barbara was a wonderful person, I knew Barbara when I went to the meeting and the Redwood City senior Ctr. For NARF. And playing bingo with her on Tuesday at the fun after fifty

May 10 at 6:08 PM



Paula Cullen May 11 at 3:12 PM

Thank you, Ellen, for you kind words. From the family: Paula Salsedo Cullen, Lydia Salsedo, & Peter Salsedo.



Media

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Paula Cullen shared 3 photos to the **Barbara Salsedo** album.

May 11 at 8:47 AM



Age 19



Paula Cullen May 11 at 8:48 AM

Barbara, age 19



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Barbara & Peter, 1992



Barbara, age 2, lower left, with sister Mary, age 4, Louise age 6. Parents: Mercedes & Joseph Ramos



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Barbara by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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