



Clara Marotta

November 13, 1919 - January 16, 2020

Clara Rose Marotta passed on in a manner she always had envisioned—peacefully, at home, while surrounded by her loving family. She was 100 years old. Born in San Francisco, she lived from 1919 to 2020! Clara was married to Vic Marotta for 61 years. They had four children; Nancy, Janetti, Liz and Jeff.

Clara loved all children. She worked as a day care provider in her home for many years. Then she worked in the preschool of the local Methodist Church for almost 40 years. At the age of 80, she became Teacher Clara, an aide in her daughter Liz's kindergarten/first grade classroom until she retired at the age of 93. She was loved by all students, teachers, staff, and parents.

This is when she became an artist. She had always loved to draw for her family and students. Now she became a student herself, taking art classes at the local Senior Center. Many of us have enjoyed receiving the paintings and cards she designed. Clara touched the heart of so many children and adults alike. Her home grew with many of her own grandchildren and great grandchildren. She made each of them feel special and deeply loved.

Clara is survived by her four children, over a dozen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She has so many people who have been loved and touched by her warm, fun and positive spirit. She will be sorely missed but her spirit will live on in the hearts of all whose lives she touched.

Events

JAN **Memorial Service** 10:00AM - 12:30PM

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Skylawn Funeral Home

Hwy 92 at Skyline Blvd., San Mateo, CA, US, 94402

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Rebecca McDonough - December 16, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ A star has fallen from the heavens.

I lived in a cottage behind the Marottas' home for ten years. I was always made to feel part of the family, and learned so very much from Clara's spark, intelligence and humor. It's not an overstatement to say her spirit is still with me to this day.

The photo I'm sharing is from a visit 13 years ago. Clara honored me by wearing a blouse I'd made for myself and passed on to her - 20 years before that visit. She'd kept every little trinket as if it were a treasure, and thus made me feel treasured as well. If the world were populated with nothing but Clara Marottas, it would be near perfect indeed.

Rebecca McDonough - December 16, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ Rob and I send our deepest condolences to all of your family.

kathleen mcmullen giorgi - January 18 at 01:57 PM



“ Marotta Family...just heard of sweet Clara's passing!! Our angel in life. She is known to so many from Children's School in San Mateo. To my children, Nonna Clara. I will miss her and think of her always. Bless you all for you had quite an amazing mother, grandmother. With My Condolences..Nancy Martin and Family

Nancy Martin - June 06, 2020 at 04:54 PM



“ To all the Marottas

Your mom was so good to me. She has written me and spoke with me on the phone since I was 19. She always wrote me the nicest Christmas letters and spoke with me on the phone about my kids and always she was so proud of all her kids, grandkids, great grandkids and was very excited about making it to 100 years old and I am so sorry I didn't reach out to her on her last birthday. One of the nicest people every to be in my life. I miss her dearly and know how lucky your entire family was to have her, she loved every single one of you so much, so always would talk to me about her wonderful family. Michelle Hultberg

Shellie Hultberg - March 08, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ My deepest sympathies go to Clara's family's and to all the children that Clara helped raised that loved her so much. Clara was a Saint, and the closest form of what I imagine an Angel to be. She was a beam of light that made everyone she came in contact with brighter. Just thinking about her makes me smile, her laugh, even when she raised her voice to keep us kids in line it sounded like she had a grin behind her scolding face. I loved taking walks with Clara, thinking back on them now, they were almost surreal like, the Carlos Castaneda story, "Journey to Ixlan." Clara would make it feel like you were on a mission and together you would walk side by side learning about life through daily rituals or walking in nature as we would walk and talk together. From the walks around her house early in the morning ,after the big kids went to school, making up all of the beds the experience was magical as it was practical. She would point out how beautiful the birds were when they sang to her out her window as she showed me how to fluff the pillow or tighten the corners of the bed. She was mesmerizing , I remember when she took us to the Hillsdale Cinema and did not drive, all 17 kids in tow as we marched down the street, what a sight to see Clara and her band of Monkeys. I think how grateful I am to have been in her presence. She was an inspiration to me as a young girl and as a woman. Later in life, I had many chances to visit Clara as an adult and was grateful for the talks that we had later on. Walking around the gardens of her home she always shared the beautiful fruit that grew around her gardens and talked about how wonderful all her children were, she was so proud of her family and loved you all so much. Thank you all for sharing her with me and my family. Clara was a Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Teacher, Sitter, And to all, always a Friend that taught us the art of loving each other and living in peace and harmony with one another through our day to day daily lives. Always Love One Another. Love, The Scheller's~ JP, Diane, Kathy and Jeff.

Kathleen Warner - January 28, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ Dear Nancy, Janetti, Liz, Jeff
My deepest condolences . Such an amazing life and 101.
Clara was best friend with our Mother going back to grammar school in San Francisco and remained friends until the loss of our Mother.
Few years ago I enjoyed visiting with your Mother in San Mateo and reminisce about the good times the two shared.
Sending thoughts, prayers and Love
Susan Overholt-Wilpitz



Susan Overholt-Wilpitz - January 22, 2020 at 07:33 PM



“ Liz, my deepest condolences. Sending love to you and your family.

Linda Furgal Spencer

Linda Spencer - January 26, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ Clara was a second mother to me. Knew her for 45 years and I will miss her. I attended Vic's memorial. Left several messages on machine. Just wish someone had notified me of her passing.

Russ Christoff

Russ Christoff - June 27, 2020 at 11:19 AM