



Bernice Rehfeld Voorhees

February 19, 1918 - April 10, 2019

Born February 19, 1918 in Mission San Jose Bernice was the daughter of Harry and Mary Louise Weber.

She attended school in Washington Township and graduated from Washington Union High School in 1936 and graduated again from Munson's Private Secretarial College in San Francisco two years later. Her business career has been varied and interesting. Her initial position in the business world was as a secretary accountant with P.C. Hansen Lumber Co. of the Centerville District Office. A succession of jobs took her to a law office, an accounting position with the Alameda County Water District, and with the Cardoza-Bickard Insurance Co.

She was the first secretary of the group working toward the incorporation of the City of Fremont. In 1961 her husband, Karl Nordvik passed away leaving her the mother of three sons, Mike, Bill and Kurt Nordvik. In 1966 she married Raymond Rehfeld and acquired a step-daughter and son, Judith and David. Bernice leaves six living grandsons and one deceased. She is the great grandmother of 13 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Washington Township Business and Professional Womens Club and served as President of that organization 1942-43. Bernice has also served as Chairman of many committees including Scholarship, Legislation, World Affairs and Constitution & By Law Committees. In 1970 she was named the First Woman of the Year for the Business and Professional Women's Club. She was the Chairperson of a three-day Regional Conference of the National Association of Accountants' women activities in San Francisco.

During her lifetime she maintained a keen interest in local affairs, especially those that were focused on the betterment of the Fremont Community. Serving for five years on the Advisory Board of a "Boundary Committee" for the Fremont Unified School District; a long-time member of the Country Club of Washington Township serving as a Director and

Treasurer; a Charter Member of the Hobby Section of that club which began in 1944; a member of the Holy Spirit Church and Italian Club, member of the Child Welfare Club and the Snail Pace Club. Her husband of thirty-one years, Ray Rehfeld, died in 1997.

In 2001 Bernice re-married. This time to her lifelong friend, Clyde Voorhees who passed 2010. She has led a full and active life traveling world-wide, playing bridge with friends, gardening, making flower arrangements, and preparing sumptuous meals for family and friends. Her constant attention to the needs of her many friends and family has given her joy and earned her the love and affection of all who knew her. She will be sorely missed by this community where she lived all of her 101 years. She expressed her love of family constantly and including Clyde three children Jill, Kris, and Jeff. One step-son Fray and Carolyn Heath.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 9 to 11 AM, at Fremont Memorial Chapel, 3723 Peralta Blvd, Fremont. With a Chapel Service at 11 AM. Private family burial will be held at the Chapel of the Chimes, Hayward.

Events

MAY **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Fremont Memorial Chapel

3723 Peralta Boulevard, Fremont, CA, US, 94536

MAY **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I have had the honor of spending time with this special lady. Going on day trips or just getting together to catch up, it was always a pleasure to spend time with Bunny. She is smart, sophisticated, loving and giving. Her family is so important and I am proud to be a member. Having Christmas at her house was always a highlight of the season. We treasure all our memories and will see her again when God will it. Rest In Peace, Grammy. We love you.



Robin Nordvik - May 01, 2019 at 11:51 PM



“ My Great-Grandma, Bernice, Grandma Bea----- You are my sweetest heart. I feel that I am so blessed to have known the grace and compassion of your love these 31 years. My life has been fuller thanks to the love and guidance you gave me--- No one can replace you my sweet, wonderful grandmother, and you are resting now peacefully where we will see each other again. I know I'll be thinking of you often, With Love, Thank you for being there for me, throughout everything, I'll be keeping up our good name

Your Great Granddaughter, Renee

Renee Nordvik - May 01, 2019 at 11:31 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernice Anna Voorhees.



April 29, 2019 at 05:23 AM