

Christina Mary Etchechury

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Christina Mary Etchechury July 5, 1916 - January 5, 2013 Christina Etchechury passed away peacefully on January 5, 2013. She was healthy and lived to be 96 years old. There will be a Recitation of the Rosary, to be followed immediately by a Mass of Christian Burial, on Thursday, January 10th, at 10:00 a.m., at Saint Francis of Assisi Church, 900 H Street. Christina's nephew, Monsignor Richard Urizalqui, will officiate. Interment will follow in Union Cemetery, King and Potomac Streets. Christina was born on July 5, 1916 in Whittier, California to Serafin and Eusebia Mayo. She

grew up in La Puente, California with her brother, Lawrence, where they attended numerous Basque functions. While attending a handball tournament she met her future husband, Johnny. During World War II, Christina went to work in the aircraft factories to assist in the war efforts for the United States. She was a part of the work force of women across the United States who became known as the "Rosie the Riveter" generation. After the war, Christina and Johnny moved to Bakersfield where they raised their family. She was very involved in her children's activities at school, sporting events, and at the Basque Club where she was a life time honorary member. She was also a strong supporter of the Bakersfield College Renegades football and baseball teams. In addition, she made rosaries for St. Francis Church and loved to spend quality time with family and friends working on her puzzles. One of Christina's favorite pastimes was playing cards. She was the game instructor of the family. She taught the grandchildren and great grandchildren how to play poker, Casino, and the Basque card game of Mus. This past Christmas she was playing Mus and having the game of her life. Being the fierce competitor that she was she yelled hor dago, threw down the four kings, and grabbed her partners hands with satisfaction! Christina was preceded in death by her husband, John; daughter, Jeanette Fanucchi; son in law, Nicolas Bernal, and granddaughter, Kerri Etchechury. Survivors include her daughter, Marlene Bernal of Bakersfield; son and daughter in law, Larry and Karen Etchechury of Phoenix, AZ; son in law, Roy Fanucchi of Bakersfield; 10 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. Pallbearers will be A.J. Antongiovanni, Kevin Antongiovanni, Nick Bernal, Tony Etchechury, Robert Fanucchi, Stephen Fanucchi, Eric Sill, and Tom Toretta. Honorary pallbearers will be James Etchechury, Maurice Etchechury, David Fanucchi, John Fanucchi, Mike Fanucchi, and Vincent Fanucchi. A special thanks to the staff at Summit Hills, especially Esmeralda, for their loving care and support. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kern County Basque Club, P.O. Box 416, Bakersfield, CA 93302. Doughty-Calhoun-O'Meara Funeral Directors www.bakersfield.com/obits

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