

## **Jeanne Dabbadie (née Gariador)** **1935-2018**

We lost the matriarch of our family on December 23, 2018 following a valiant battle with arthritis and other complications. In her 83 years, she always tried to live life to the fullest and was an inspiration to all those who were touched by her life and whom she has left her legacy with.

Jeanne was born on April 8, 1935 in the house of Martinea in the Basque village of Les Aldudes, France. Her parents were Jean Martin Gariador and Marianne Esponda and she was the 4<sup>th</sup> of 6 children born to this couple. Life in this poor village was difficult especially during World War II but this small family knew how to laugh, sing and enjoy life with just the basic needs that their life provided. She enjoyed life as a humble servant and a strong belief in God and family which was instilled in her as a girl and that she has been passed along to her family today.

She left her home in the Basque country at the young age of 14 with her sister Maite to work in Bordeaux in order to help support the family. They began working in the food service industry there and for Jeanne, it became her lifelong vocation to compliment her very strong work ethic. In 1962 she immigrated to Southern California to join her brother Jean Baptiste and sister Maite and their families. In 1963, she met her future husband Bernard Dabbadie, a native of Domezain, France who was working as a milker in Chino at that time. Jeanne was working for her brother at the Centro Basco Hotel in Chino when they met and they were married in Las Vegas in 1964.

Jeanne and Bernard made their home in Burbank for almost 50 years. She spent 45 years working tirelessly as the Chef of Full of Life restaurant in Burbank where most of their clients came from the local television and movie studios. She enjoyed making people happy through her cooking and she was most happy when she was preparing her wonderful dishes for her family and friends. Their home on Cordova St. was a hospitable place that should have been rated 5 stars for all the people who were welcomed there over the years. In 2015, they moved to Leisure World for their living conditions to be more conducive to Jeanne's progressive ailments with arthritis.

She loved to laugh and enjoy life which was infectious to all around her. Jeanne found the perfect partner in Bernard, her loving husband of 54 years who shared the same values and sense of humor. She raised 3 beautiful children, Michele (Rob), Rhonda (Joey) and Marc (Kim) and adored her 5 grandchildren, Megan (Mitchel), Shane (Ali), Markie, Sidnie and Stevie. She also leaves behind her sister Pierrette and brother Marcel (Evelyne), both of France and a large extended family in California and France. She was predeceased by her parents, their son Philippe, her siblings Katy (Franck), Jean Baptiste (Grace), Maite (Jeannot) and brother-in-law Michel.

Jeanne will leave a huge void in our hearts but we thank her for the years of beautiful memories she left us with. Ikus arte (until we meet again)!!!

