

Maralou Jane (Oneto) Ellis

August 6, 2020



Maralou Jane (Oneto) Ellis passed away on July 31, 2020 in Crescent City, California. She was born to Frank and Caralou Oneto on January 19, 1925 in Madera, California.

She attended elementary in San Francisco, Sebastopol, California; Jr High, High School and College in Fresno, California; Maralou received her BA and teaching credential at Fresno State College and S.F. State College. She married Keller Ellis in 1947 in Fresno, California. She taught 1st grade at Wolters Elementary School in Fresno County for one year.

While Keller finished his dental training, Maralou taught Kindergarten at Garfield Elementary School in Oakland, California. Keller joined the US Air Force and served as a dentist in Clovis, NM and Germany. Maralou joined him in Germany where they adopted Richard and Carol.

Returning from Germany the family settled in Crescent City. Maralou was active in the Community Concert Association and served as campaign chairperson and President. She was active in the Republican's Women's Club and served as President. Maralou was on the Del Norte Park and Recreation Commission and served as

Chair. In 1966, the family moved to Smith River. Maralou started substituting in county schools. She taught 1 year at St. Joseph's Elementary School.

She continued to substitute in all of the public schools in Del Norte County until 1991. She belonged to the Brookings Emblem Club and served as President. Member and past president of the Crescent City Kiwanis Club. Member of the Crescent City Women's Club.

Maralou loved to play bridge. She belonged to St. Joseph Catholic and several times directed the choir.

Maralou is survived by her children Richard Ellis (Marilyn), Carol Hill (Pete), Rachel Sanderson. Sister Martha Jane Irwin (Charles), brother Bruce Oneto (Jeri), sister and brother in laws Mylouine and Al Williams.

Grandchildren Holly Mode Byrd (Darrel), Bryan Ellis (Marie), Kevin Ellis and Carissa Ray (Bob). She also leaves behind great grandchildren Dylan, Kyle, Travis Byrd, Kegan, Tyesha Sanderson. Rylee, Kaiser, Rihanna Ray and Divina Sanderson who has lived with Maralou for many years and brought joy and life to both Maralou and her Papa (great grandfather). Numerous nieces and nephews and a wealth of friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Dr. Keller Ellis, brother John Barry Oneto and grandson Ryan Sanderson.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wier's Mortuary Chapel.

Please sign the family's online guest book at wiersmortuary.com