



The Freschet Family would like to extend their sincere thanks to each of you for the love and support you have shown throughout this very difficult time.



In Loving Memory



Letizia Louise Freschet

October 22, 1931 ~ February 4, 2017

Letizia L. Freschet was born in Susanville CA on October 22, 1931. She was the second of four children born to Massimo & Faustina Vial. Although she was born in the United States of America both of her parents were Italian and she told stories of going to kindergarten not knowing English. Her family spoke Italian in the home. Her Father Massimo did not marry until he was forty years old but lived to see all four of his children marry and all ten of his grandchildren born. She idolized her Father and spoke frequently of her outings with him hunting and fishing in the beautiful hills of Northern California.

Massimo moved his family to Burlingame, CA in 1950 in order that his children would have better opportunities. Letizia soon discovered her passion for cosmetics and hair, which led her to attend school in order to eventually become a beautician working in the San Mateo community. On the weekends Letizia would frequent the local dancing halls with her sister, Alice, and their good friends. Sure enough, these dance halls led her to meet Guido. His romantic dancing prowess wooed her and they were soon married. In Letizia's own words "The best day of my life." August 24, 1958. Next year would have been their 60th wedding anniversary.

They were soon blessed with three healthy children. Linda, Richard, & Marc and enjoyed life in San Mateo, CA surrounded by a wonderful community of family and friends. There was never a thought of calling a painter or a concrete specialist or an ironworker. On the weekends the men would gather at the families home that need the work and it was done. The woman and children enjoyed preparing meals for the work group and the Saturday evening would bring good food, laughter and fun for all. She truly enjoyed the closeness and the support of the Italian community in San Mateo and enjoyed the frequent outings to the Peninsula Social Club for dinner and dancing. She also enjoyed watching her husband play Bocce ball and was always so proud when he was successful.

Raising her three children, Linda, Richard & Marc, gave Letizia great joy. Her undying dedication, love and support launched a family that she was so very proud of. That family grew to include a son-in-law Bob Merslich, and two daughter-in-law's Nancy Freschet & Paula Freschet.

She may have actually enjoyed the next chapter as a Nonna even more. Whether it was babysitting at short notice, attending sporting events, grandparents day at school, cooking, listening or grand vacations, she was there for her grandchildren. She loved each and everyone more than life itself. Nicole, Danielle, Alicia, Alexandra, Tanya, Antonio, Joseph, Noelle and Dominic would light up a room for her. A tremendous source of pride was that each of her grandchildren attended and six had graduated from college. Her favorite thing to do for her grandchildren and their friends was to cook. She was famous for so many Italian dishes and desserts, never too tired to cook for her family or their friends. Each and every meal was handcrafted with love and no one left hungry! She had an incredible listening ear for her family and she was forthright in her manner of offering advice.

Her greatest happiness was with her loving husband. Their relationship was one of honesty, love, commitment, respect and an appreciation for hard work. She often said how lucky she was to have found a man like Guido. Especially at the end she was so appreciative of all that he did for her.

A happy family is but an earlier heaven....George Bernard Shaw

Funeral Mass

10:00 a.m.

Friday ~ February 10, 2017
St. Batholomew Catholic Church
San Mateo, California

Celebrants	Father Joe Bradley Father Dave Ghiosso
Processional Song	<i>"Be Not Afraid"</i>
First Reading	<i>Wisdom 3: 1-9</i> Antonio Freschet
Responsorial Psalm	<i>"Alleluia"</i>
Second Reading	<i>Revelation 21: 1-5A, 6B-7</i> Alexandra Freschet
Gospel	<i>John 14: 1-6</i>
Homily	Father Joe Bradley
Petitions	Tanya Merslich Noelle Freschet
Presentation of Gifts	Alicia Merslich Joseph Freschet Dominic Freschet
Communion Songs	<i>"I Am The Bread Of Life"</i> <i>"Ave Maria"</i>
Closing Prayers	
Recessional Hymn	<i>"Mama"</i>

Reception to Follow

The Peninsula Social Club
100 North B Street
San Mateo, California

Please join us immediately following the Mass
as we enjoy a meal and share memories of Letizia.