



Donabel Gonchoroff Yauchzee

November 4, 1932 - October 24, 2018

Donabel J. Gonchoroff Yauchtzee

Born Donabel Jeanette Svoboda on Nov. 4, 1932 in Hixton, Wisc. to Frank and Harriet Svoboda silently and serenely left this world on Oct. 24, 2018 with her eldest son, Jeff Gonchoroff, by her side at Hinds Hospice in Fresno, CA.

She married John Gonchoroff on August 4, 1951 whom she met at a VFW Dance in La Cross, Wisc. They moved to Clovis, Ca. in 1956. She was married to John for 38 years and together they brought up their children in Clovis and Fresno, Ca. Donabel and John enjoyed dancing very much and belonged to the Cotillion Club.

She took a job at Rodder's Dept. Store in the Lingerie Department. Later she worked as a Catering Waitress, with Pardini's, Fort Washington Country Club, Cedar Lanes and Palm Lakes where she made life time friendships with other waitresses. She cherished these friendships and often reminisced about the good times.

After John passed away in January of 1989 Donabel met her second husband Claire Yauchtzee through a mutual friend. They often took little trips to the coast and enjoyed a 21 year marriage.

Donabel was always most happy when she received visitors, particularly her family and grandchildren were her highlighted memories. Donabel was a meticulously good and strict housekeeper. She enjoyed making and serving dinner whenever family came to visit. Her Lemon Meringue Pie was a family favorite and we shall cherish the memories.

She was the first sibling of 3. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Donald Svoboda of La Cross, Wisc., and her second husband Claire.

She cherished and relied on a strong bond with her sister, Loretta Mooney living in La Cross, Wisc. Also surviving are her children, Jeff Gonchoroff and daughter in law Marie of Fresno, Daniel Gonchoroff and daughter in law Leann of Clovis and Denise Jennings of Fresno. Grandchildren, Kristen Davis, Dustie De Luz, Melissa Gonchoroff, Dawn Jennings, Skylar Jennings, Aaron Gonchoroff and Sena Gonchoroff; Fifteen Great Grandchildren and one Great Granddaughter, as well as uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, many friends and caring neighbors, whom all will miss her.

Cemetery Details

Chapel of the Light Cemetery

1620 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728

Tribute Wall



“ *Donabel Gonchoroff Yauchzee*

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“ *To my dear sister I will miss you and think of how much I love you everyday I love you Donna*

Loretta Mooney - November 01, 2018 at 10:25 PM