



## Roxie Moradian

November 12, 1913 - March 3, 2017

Roxie Moradian, born in Selma, her Armenian family's rise to wealth is pure American Dream. They had little after coming to the United States from Turkey, and Moradian's father worked hard in agriculture, eventually inventing a grape bleaching machine in Fowler to make the first "golden raisin," which earned him fame and fortune.

This generous benefactor of Fresno was friends with writer William Saroyan, danced with actor Charlie Chaplin, knew President Ronald Reagan and bought a dress from designer Coco Chanel.

Roxie enjoyed her sunlit home overlooking the San Joaquin River in northwest Fresno. She was an extraordinarily beautiful person, not just an elegant woman, but a lady who has lived a long and privileged life. Roxie was once a Gottschalks model, and she was still lovely like an adorable doll.

As a young woman, Moradian – then Roxie Mooradian, with two Os – met her husband, Frank Moradian, while working in the office of a farming company. She went to Fresno State for two years and graduated from Four Cs Business College in Fresno. She studied typing, shorthand and history.

Roxie is a founding member of the San Joaquin Valley Town Hall lecture series, and her husband had the idea to start the Fresno Philharmonic after meeting a conductor at a luncheon. There's also a Frank and Roxie Moradian

Gallery of French Art at the Fresno Art Museum.

A viewing for Roxie will be held at Chapel of the Light Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 through Sunday, March 10, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A private entombment will be in the Garden of Peace Mausoleum at Chapel of the Light, where she will be placed with her husband, Frank.

# Cemetery Details

## Chapel of the Light Cemetery

1620 W. Belmont Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93728

# Previous Events

**Visitation will be from Wednesday March 8, Through Sunday March 12 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm**

MAR 8. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Roxie Moradian*

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