



Evelyn Marie Maniaci

February 3, 1943 - January 10, 2026

Evelyn Marie Ann Bettencourt was born February 3, 1943 in Turlock, Ca to Manual and Delcene Bettencourt. Evelyn was the middle child, with older sister Veronica and younger brother Steven.

After a fun filled rural childhood in which her favorite activity was exploring the farmland on her bicycle, she graduated from Turlock High School in 1960, and then received an AA from Modesto Jr College in 1962.

Evelyn married Joel Maniaci in 1963 and eventually settled in Los Gatos, Ca. Their daughter Ann Marie was born in South Korea during a military assignment, and son Paul in Los Gatos.

In the early 1990's, they divorced and Evelyn made her way to Nevada County, buying a home in Alta Sierra. Evelyn worked for the County, and made many lifetime friends at work, in her neighborhood, on ski trips to Lake Tahoe, and volunteering in animal rescue.

Evelyn became a dog foster parent, and welcomed countless displaced sweeties into her home, especially favoring senior dogs, for Sammie's Friends, Scooters Pals and Rescue for Pets Sake. She volunteered at Sammie's Friends, and often left at the end of her shift with a sweet dog wrapped in her arms, always finding the perfect family for them.

Her home was truly her sanctuary, and she loved to share it with friends and dogs . It was known she made a mean Margarita! She will always be remembered for her sly sense of humor, kindness and fierce friendships.

In 2022 she moved to memory care at Atria in Grass Valley, where she resided until May 2025. She then resided at Better World Care in Auburn, where she received excellent, loving care in a home setting. Her dementia journey ended January 10, 2026, peacefully leaving this world for the next adventure.

Evelyn leaves behind her children, 2 grandchildren (Ann Marie) brother Steven and nephew Dirk Harburg.

Please join us to joyfully celebrate Evelyn on May 13, 2026 from 12:00-2:00 pm at Courtyard Suites, 210 N Auburn St, Grass Valley, Ca. Serving Evelyn's favorite lunch and memories.

Any donations would be gratefully received at Wayward Journey, serving pets in need in Nevada County. P.O. Box 2116, Grass Valley, Ca 95945.

Previous Events

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

MAY 13. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Courtyard Suites
201 N. Auburn St.
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Tribute Wall



“ *Rest well sweet Evelyn. I loved every moment we spent together laughing, enjoying nature together, and playing with all the dogs. You were always joyful, honest and kind. See ya later alliegator!* ”

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