



## Marguerite Annemarie Gerling

August 6, 1922 - June 12, 2018

Marguerite (Peggy) Gerling, age 95, a longtime resident of Fremont, CA was welcomed into heaven in the early morning hours of Monday, June 12, 2018 of natural causes.

Peggy was born and raised in Davenport, Iowa in 1922. Peggy was the loving wife of Merle E. Gerling until his passing in 2008. She is survived by her sister, Jan Thorstenson, two daughters Kathy Dexter of San Jose and Pamela Endsley of Aptos, son-in-law Robert Dexter, three grandchildren Bradley Dexter, Brooke Endsley, and Shane Endsley, and three great grandchildren.

Peggy moved from the mid-west at a young age to proudly serve in the WAVES during WWII; stationed in San Diego, California. In 1963 Peggy and Merle moved the family to California when Merle accepted a position at Lockheed Martin in Sunnyvale. Soon thereafter, they bought a newly-built home in Fremont where Peggy lived for 55 years. Peggy worked at and retired from the City of Fremont Police Station where she worked as a receptionist.

The family still chuckles when reminiscing about her strong, independent; often stubborn spirit. Contrary to family attempts to dissuade her, Peggy was studying to take the written test to renew her driver's license at the age of 93. A fall causing a hip fracture would interrupt those plans.

There will be a family memorial for Peggy at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Monterey Bay Horsemanship & Therapeutic Center (MBHTC) an organization providing therapeutic horse riding for special-needs individuals at P.O. Box 742, Soquel, CA 95073. For more information: <http://www.gombhtc.org/>.