



Barbara Jean Brenkwitz

September 16, 1932 ~ January 10, 2026

Barbara passed away peacefully on January 10, 2026. She was born in Savannah, Georgia and moved around the country until she ended up in Hayward, California where she met her husband, Thomas Brenkwitz. They married in 1952 and were married for 60 years. They had two children, Laura Brenkwitz and Stephen Brenkwitz.

Barbara was very active in the kids school at New Jerusalem. She took up sewing and then at the age of 40 started playing tennis for about 40 years. She was an excellent cook, also. Barbara loved to travel and traveled to many countries around the world. She loved the beach and the ocean and spent a lot of her time at her home on the coast. She was a member of card club, a group of farming wives that started it in their early 20s, for over 70 years!

Barbara is survived by her daughter-in-law, Mary Anne Brenkwitz; grandchildren, Jordanne (Joe) Muscatello, Trevor Brenkwitz, Elizabeth Kennedy, Michael (Malina) Meerschaert and Rosie Kennedy. She is also survived by two great grandchildren, Nico Muscatello and Marcus Kennedy.

Barbara was proceeded in death by her husband, Tom, and both of her children, Laura Kennedy and Stephen Brenkwitz.

A special thank you to Barbara's Caretaker of the last seven years, Patricia. She devoted herself to her care, especially in her last days.

Fry Memorial Chapel, 550 South Central Avenue, Tracy is in care of funeral arrangements. A memorial service will be held in the chapel at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2026. She will be laid to rest immediately following at Tracy Public Cemetery, 501 East Schulte Road.

An online guest book is available at www.frymemorialchapel.com for condolences and special messages to the family.