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Thelma Grace (Lane) Vendetti was born March 1, 1923 in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia to William Henry White and Alice Truman as their 13th and youngest child. Thelma joined her heavenly family on June 30, 2018 when her heart stopped after 95 years. Thelma is survived by her three daughters: Shirley June Bridges (widow), Patricia Diane Rich Edwards (Douglas), Dr. Paula Jeannette Lane (Jesse Markay); Seven grandchildren: Michelle Link (Timothy), Heather Welch (John Currant), Aaron Welch (Kay Gambelan), Holly Welch (Jarret Whitmore), April Welch (Mark Nottage), Ashleigh Rich (Jo Shi), and Dr. Meg Rich; and seven great grandchildren. When Thelma was 21 she met James Eddie Lane during his Navy assignment and they were married in Brisbane, Australia on October 19, 1944. In 1946 Thelma traveled on the War Bride Ship Mariposa, landing at Pier 13 in San Francisco 6 weeks later. She then boarded a cross country train and reunited with her husband in Davenport, Iowa. Four years later the

family moved to Portland, Oregon, moving on after a year to San Mateo, California where they remained for 10 years. In 1962 the Lane Family moved to Fremont, California where, after 47 years of marriage, James died on October 22, 1991. During their marriage, Thelma and James enjoyed many years of participation in the Square Dance Club Keeway Swingers. Both were instrumental in extending membership to the Elks Lodge 2121. The couple traveled throughout the United States and took several trips to visit Thelma's extensive family in Australia. Thelma has an employment history in retail where she enjoyed interacting with the public. Her last employment was with the Fremont Capwells store for approximately 15 years. She was also an avid seamstress, sewing clothes for her children, their dolls, and later, making outfits for her grandchildren and many of her own colorful square dance dresses. Thelma later married Carmen Michael Vendetti on March 1, 1995. Thelma and her husbands were long time active members of Elks Lodge 2121 in

Fremont providing service and support to the organization and the community. Thelma was especially active in the Elks Women's Auxillary. She enjoyed participating in numerous social and civic volunteer efforts throughout her life with Girl Scouts, AFS (American Field Service), international exchange students, and classroom/PTA events and fundraisers. In 2010 Thelma and Carmen moved to Rohnert Park, California where Carmen died in 2011. Thelma stayed in the Rohnert Park/Santa Rosa area until 2015 when she moved to Chico, California to reside at Roses and Ivy Elder Care where she remained until her death. The family feels blessed to have found the loving devoted staff at Roses and Ivy who treated Thelma like their own family and became as close to her as her children and relatives. The family is also indebted to the staff of Butte Home Health and Hospice of Chico who provided additional compassionate care for Thelma for 18 months. Thelma will be deeply missed by all of the family and friends who knew her playful spirit, easy smile and bubbly

personality. She was also known for her fighting determination to overcome challenges. She was loved and appreciated for her many gifts. Thelma will be interred at Skylawn Cemetery in San Mateo, California, privately. The family is requesting no gifts or flowers. In lieu of such, please make a donation in Thelma's name to Butte Home Health and Hospice [\(530\) 895-0462](tel:(530)895-0462); 10 Constitution Dr., Chico, CA 95973.

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