



## Claire Stark Micheel

May 25, 1929 - February 23, 2026

Claire, age 96, passed peacefully at home on February 23, 2026, after complications from a fall. She was born in Chicago on May 25, 1929, to Dr. Boyd Emerson Stark and beloved mother Marjorie Stark. Claire graduated from Iowa State University after four years of chemistry with a B.S. in Home Economics. She was an active member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. Claire met the love of her life Wayne (Mike) Micheel, her freshman year at Iowa State University and upon graduation in 1951, they married.

After Mike completed his military service during the Korean War, they moved to the North Shore of Chicago where they lived and raised their two daughters Carla (Graziani) and Carolyn (Stark) now both residents of Santa Rosa.

In 1985 they moved to Fullerton, California where they owned and operated their own plastic injection molding company. Claire and Mike retired to Palm Desert in 1996 and lived in the The Lakes Country Club for 17 years enjoying golf and many good friends.

Claire and Mike moved to Varenna in 2013 to be closer to their daughters in Santa Rosa. She enjoyed many activities while there such as bocce, and jewelry making and made many friends at Varenna. Mike passed peacefully away in 2017, just months before the historic Tubbs fire when Claire put many residents in her own car and drove them to safety. Claire only recently moved

to Villa Capri where she was cared for by the kind and attentive staff.

Claire will always be remembered for being a devoted wife, loving mother and friend to those who knew her and for her beautiful smile which she shared with so many. Her pride and joy were her two daughters, who thrived in her deep love and will miss her terribly.

We would like to thank the staff at Varenna and at Villa Capri for their kindness and support. The family will hold a small, private service at a later time before interment at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery where she will be joined with Mike.

# Cemetery Details

## **Sacramento Valley National Cemetery**

5810 Midway Road

Dixon, CA 95620

<https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/sacramento.asp>

# Tribute Wall

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“*Claire was a delightful woman with a great personality, sense of humor and love for her daughters. I'm so glad I was her friend and got to spend time with her. I will miss Claire! Love to Carolyn and Carla and their families.*”

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**Cristie Marcus & John Brodey** - March 04 at 01:55 PM