
ANTONIA REVILLA

Antonia Ramos Revilla, a Fresnan for more than 70 years, died peacefully in her sleep Wednesday night, January 23, 2013, at age 96. The daughter of Spanish immigrants, she was born in Vacaville in 1916. With her brother Emil, she graduated from The University of California, Berkeley, where she met her beloved husband, Robert, of Chihuahua, Mexico. Moving to Fresno in 1944, "Toni" and Robert became pillars of the community. Robert founded Valley Builders and Toni taught Spanish at Fresno State; she was an educational TV pioneer with Spanish language children's program in the 1950's, Here's Pepe, (sponsored by The Fresno Bee) and a program for adult learners in the 1960's. Active in community affairs, she was an ardent Democrat, a Town Hall participant, a supporter of the Fresno Metropolitan Museum of Art and a founder of a Great Books discussion group that ran for thirty years. She is remembered by friends and family for her special gift for friendship and warm hospitality as she entertained guests from near and far. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband Robert. A loving mother and grandmother, she is survived by her two devoted daughters, Gloria Revilla Doyle and Julie Ann Revilla; four grandchildren, Alicia, Christopher, Robert and Jessica; and nine great-grandchildren, Toby, Chloe, Willa, Sidney, Auden, Zachary, Clara, Luke and Lola. A Graveside Service will be held at Belmont Memorial Park, 201 North Teilman, on Monday, January 28, 2013, at 1:00 pm. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations to the University of California, Berkeley Library fund be made in Toni's name.

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