

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS – ZORIONAK!

Marie Goyhenetche

Marie Goyhenetche was born in the Basque village of Aldudes in Lower Navarre on August 2, 1919. She married Jean-Baptiste Goyhenetche of neighboring Urepele and right before their first child was born, Jean-Baptiste was sent to a military prison in Germany for the duration of World War II, and during this time Marie worked in the local espadrille industry. After Jean-Baptiste returned home in 1945, Marie and Jean-Baptiste and their daughter made their lives in Hazparne, Lapurdi.

After Marie and Jean-Baptiste had their second child, a son, they immigrated to the United States in Eureka, Nevada where Jean-Baptiste worked as a sheepherder and Marie worked as a cook for the sheepherders. They later moved to Ely, Nevada where Jean-Baptiste worked in the copper mines and after several labor disputes Jean-Baptiste and Marie moved to San Francisco where Jean-Baptiste had a brother who helped him get started in the gardening business.

Marie worked several different jobs as well - mostly at the Toulouse French Laundry. They had their second son and lived many years in San Francisco's Richmond district. Today, Marie lives with her daughter in Dixon, California.



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Mary Rita Iturreria

Mary Rita Iturreria was born on February 3, 1919 in Patterson, California. The daughter of Jose Iturreria and Josefa Gamboa, immigrants from Navarra, Spain, Rita and her three younger brothers and older sister grew up on their parent's dairy. After graduating from high school, Rita moved to San Francisco to work at a Cantina on Treasure Island during the 1939 World's Fair. In 1942 she met Baptiste Etchepare at a dance in San Francisco. The two married after the end of World War Two in 1945 at Sacred Heart Church in Patterson, CA and settled down in San Francisco.

Rita and Baptiste along with their sons, Jim and Bob, moved to Millbrae in the spring of 1953. Rita was a long time employee of Mills High School where she managed the cafeteria. Rita still resides in the house her husband and she bought back in '53 where she can be found enjoying a highball, tending her garden, and playing a fierce hand of mus.



Rita with sons Jim and Bob Etchepare