



Christa Jessel

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“The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your legacy.”

— Kalu Ndukwe Kalu

When Christa was born prematurely in Germany in 1923, her life had not started off quite as her parents had imagined. Only three days after she was born, Christa tragically lost her mother. Sadly, the road ahead of her did not get any easier, as loss and challenge seemingly became a secondary part of her years. In addition to losing her childhood home in the center of World War II, Christa also lost her father - these are terrible hardships for anyone to endure.

In spite of all the challenges thrown her way, it was through her love of the Lord and strong will that Christa persevered. She was not only determined to live a life filled with joy and happiness, but she wanted to leave a legacy.

God had a plan for Christa.

And so it began...

One afternoon, Christa was walking with a friend, when two young men

passed by, and one of the men said, "I want the one on the left." It just so happens that Christa was the girl on the left. Christa and that lucky young man, Mr. Heinz Jessel, married in December, 1948, and were married nearly 70 blessed years.

Heinz and Christa, and their two daughters, Brigitte and Barbara, moved to America in 1955. Christa had said she wanted to come to the US because the average American woman could buy a new dress two times a year. They began their American journey in Ohio, and decided to make their permanent home in California in 1959.

In addition to being a dedicated wife and mother, Christa was also a nurse. After training in Germany, it was in California that Christa passed her LVN boards and started her career. Like her father, she was a hard worker with an entrepreneurial spirit. While Christa worked at local hospitals to gain some experience in her profession, she decided that she wanted to open a business of her own. It was then that Christa opened her own Residential Elder Care Home in Laguna Hills, and the family business was born.

Since then, Christa's work ethic and dedication has been inherited by her children and grandchildren. It was through Christa's shared knowledge and vision that her family has gone on to open several Care Homes, providing her family the opportunity to work and grow together.

Christa loved her family. She is survived by her husband Heinz, two daughters, Brigitte and Barbara; son-in-law, Donald; 3 grandsons, Mark, Ryan, and Timothy; and 1 granddaughter-in-law, Erin. She was also blessed with 5 great grandchildren; Brayden, Kaitlyn, Kalea, Andrew, and Zachary. It is rare to find a photo of Christa that does not include her loved ones.

Christa's love for the Lord and family will forever live on through her legacy.

We are so blessed to have had the opportunity to know and be loved by this amazing woman. We look forward to all of us being together again someday.

We love you, Ma.

Until Jesus comes, rest in peace.

Graveside services will be Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 11AM at El Toro Memorial Park. See below for the map and driving directions.

Cemetery Details

El Toro Memorial Park

25751 Trabuco Rd
Lake Forest, CA 92630

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Reflecting on Memories created a Tribute Video in memory of Christa Jessel



Reflecting on Memories - April 02, 2018 at 09:21 AM



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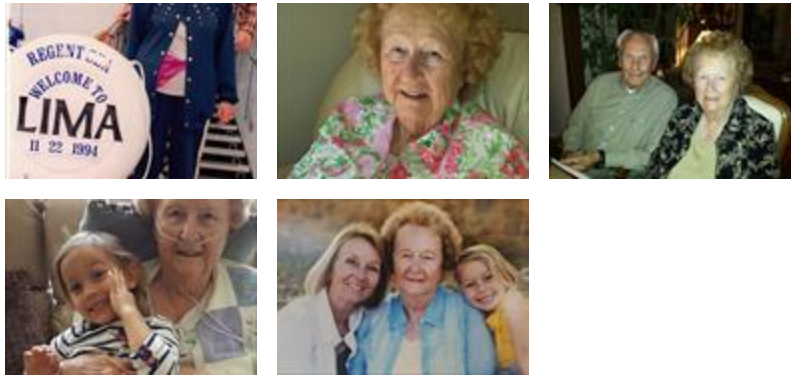
“ Karin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Christa Jessel.



Karin - April 04, 2018 at 12:28 PM



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Reflecting on Memories - April 03, 2018 at 10:10 PM



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