



Rose Marguerite (COPPO) Boyle February 29, 1916—June 8, 2014

Rose M. Boyle, a mother of four children, grandmother of six, and great grandmother of 11 children, raised her four children by herself after her husband, James P. Boyle died in 1961. She worked as a secretary on the Mare Island Naval Shipyard and then opened a religious articles store with her brother, Ernest Coppo before retiring. She was 98 years old but since she was born in a leap year, she always said she had 24 birthdays.

While Mrs. Boyle was raising four children, she was also involved in a variety of activities which found her leading various groups. She was president of the Women's Democrat Club in Vallejo; she was president of the Mother's Guild at St. Vincent's High School; she was nominated as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention for Adlai Stevenson; she was teased by her husband because she was always selected as a foreman of juries; she wrote her school song which was sung regularly at St. Vincent's High School for over 70 years until the school closed and morphed into St. Patrick's. As a mother, she had to stay home from the democratic convention to care for her children.

She had three abiding loves in her life: her family, her religion, and the democratic party. Her two favorite pastimes were eating at the best restaurants and penny slot machines. She demanded that her children take her to a restaurant and casino every month. A few days before she died she was planning on being taken to eat and gamble.

Rose Margueritte (Coppo) Boyle was born on February 29, 1916 in the town of Bisbee in Arizona Territory. Her father worked in a copper mine there and later ran a saloon in Bisbee until they eventually moved to Vallejo, California. She attended St. Vincent's grammar and high schools where she met Jimmy Boyle. They married and had four children Owen Boyle, Claudine Fletcher, Nell Boyle, and Jeff Boyle. She is survived by Owen, Claudine, Nell, six grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.