Joan Tapp – 1920-2014

Joan Tapp of South Lake Tahoe Tahoe died Jan. 4. She was 93.

One of five children, Joan grew up in Ottawa, Canada.

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She married Eric Tapp in 1940. They relocated to California in 1952, settling in the San Fernando Valley where they raised six children.

For the 20 years she worked for Kaiser Hospital she never missed a day of work.

In 1989, Joan and Eric moved to South Lake Tahoe where their daughter, Vicky, and her family lived. Eric passed away in 1991 and soon after Joan rejoined the workforce. She accepted a temporary position with One Stop Employment that lasted for several years; again never missing a day of work. Joan volunteered at Al Tahoe and Sierra House elementary schools.

Joan was active with the South Lake Tahoe and Tahoe Douglas senior centers where she enjoyed dancing, bingo, and delivering Meals on Wheels. On many occasions you could find Joan at her favorite casino playing the slots. She was a member of Saint Theresa Catholic Church and was on the board of some of Lake Tahoe's civic organizations.

Joan is survived by her six children, Michael (Diana), Susan, Elizabeth (Jim), Kathei (DJ), Vicky (Bennie), and Maureen; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; brother Robert,

(Vancouver, Canada); and sister Francis (Ottowa, Canada). She is preceded in death by brothers, Maurice, Emile; and sister Girlie, all of Ottowa, Canada.

A celebration of Joan’s life will be in the spring, the time of year she loved so dearly.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Joan’s name to Barton Hospice, Tahoe Douglas Senior Center, or South Lake Tahoe Senior Center.