



Eugenia Larson

October 31, 1938 - March 17, 2026

Eugenia King Larson passed away peacefully on March 17th in Walnut Creek, CA, at the age of 87.

She was born October 31st, 1938, in Walla Walla, Washington, to Harold G. King and A. Virginia Thompson and attended area schools. She graduated from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, where she was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority, and where she met the love of her life, Gary H. Larson. They were married on June 12, 1960, in Walla Walla. Together they made homes in Berkeley, CA, Wilmington, DE, Creve Coeur, MO, and San Ramon, CA.

Eugenia found deep solace in nature. She was never happier than when she was hiking, birding, and camping. Birding came naturally to her—she loved to learn, to catalogue and research, and to be outdoors. She supported numerous conservation organizations, frequently volunteering her time and leading birding trips.

She also loved music, singing in church choirs, local opera productions, and with the St. Louis Symphony Chorus. Her Episcopal faith was entwined with her love of music.

She was a lifelong learner who enjoyed sewing, knitting, board games,

reading, traveling, collecting stamps, and photography.

Eugenia shared 65 years of marriage with her beloved husband, Gary Hollis Larson—a partnership marked by devotion, steadiness, and enduring love. Together, they built a family that was the heart of her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, E. Neal King.

She is survived by her husband, Gary; her sons, Peter, David, and Stephen (Shelley); her daughter, Laura Piotrowski (Steve); her brother, Peter N. King (Patricia); and her cousin, Carolyn Terry. She was a proud and loving grandmother to eleven grandchildren and great-grandmother to nine great-grandchildren, and is also survived by many nephews, great-nephews, and cousins.

Eugenia will be remembered for her faithful and generous spirit. She will be deeply missed and forever cherished by all who knew her.

A funeral service will be held on March 21st at 1:00 p.m. at St. Peters Anglican Church, 6013 Lawton Ave, Oakland, CA.

Interment will take place on March 28th at Mountain View Cemetery in Walla Walla, following a family service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 323 Catherine St., Walla Walla, WA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Audubon Society or the Alzheimer's Association.

Previous Events

Funeral

MAR **21**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

St Peters Anglican Church
6013 Lawton Ave
Oakland, CA 94618

Tribute Wall

JW

“ So sorry for your loss. I often think of Eugenia. A contribution was made to the Audubon Society. Jennifer Wegner

Jennifer Wegner - April 13 at 05:56 PM

CW

“ Eugenia and I were sorority sisters at Willamette, with way too many memories to put it one place. The one thing that stands out was how much she loved the music of Elvis Presley...and how much she loved Gary. I was always impressed by her love of birding.

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Carolyn M Williams - March 22 at 09:54 AM

SL

Thank you for the kind words and memories, Carolyn. ❤️

Steve Larson - April 03 at 11:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eugenia Larson.*



March 20 at 05:34 PM



“ *Bob Villars & Debbie Lerma purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Eugenia Larson.*



Bob Villars & Debbie Lerma - March 20 at 02:12 PM



“ *As a birdwatcher and a member of the Webster Groves Nature Study Society I spent many hours with Eugenia watching birds in Tower Grove Park and other sites in and around St. Louis. She was an excellent birder and a wonderful companion. We missed her when she and Gary moved away but looked forward to her annual return to visit their adult children who remained in St. Louis. Their annual visits were usually in spring during migration so we could renew our friendship.*
Claudia Spener

Claudia Spener - March 20 at 12:53 PM



Thank you Claudia! From Gary

Gary Larson - March 20 at 09:01 PM

SL

Thank you for the wonderful memories, Claudia. ❤️

Steve Larson - April 03 at 11:45 PM

IW

“ *Ingrid Owen & Kim Wiese purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Eugenia Larson.*



Ingrid Owen & Kim Wiese - March 20 at 09:25 AM

CS

“ *I loved Eugenia. She was a breath of fresh air. So wonderful. I will never forget her during our time at St. Peter's Oakland together. She is in the company of the saints now, especially Saint Patrick, feast day today. Prayers are with Gary and family. We shall all gather by the river one day and reminisce.*
Christine Sunderland

Christine Sunderland - March 19 at 11:24 PM

SL

Thank you for your lovely words and prayers, Christine. ❤️

Steve Larson - April 03 at 11:47 PM

JC

“ I knew Eugenia when I volunteered at the Wild Canine & Research Center (Wolf Sanctuary) in St.Louis. Things clicked as they say and we became good friends with a common love of nature. She made me feel like family and as such went canoeing with family. Taught me about bird watching and swapped recipes occasionally. She gave me and my wife standing invitations to come out to visit and stay with her & Gary. She will always be in my memories and be a part of my soul.

Jim Campbell - March 19 at 04:07 PM

SL

Thank you for the wonderful tribute and memories, Jim. She always spoke fondly and highly of you. ❤️ Appreciate your condolences.

Steve Larson - April 03 at 11:48 PM

PS

“ Parham & Lisa Shabaniani purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Eugenia Larson.



Parham & Lisa Shabaniani - March 19 at 03:35 PM

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“ Parham & Lisa Shabaniani planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eugenia Larson.

Parham & Lisa Shabaniani - March 19 at 03:35 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugenia Larson.*



March 19 at 02:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eugenia Larson.

March 19 at 02:02 PM



“ *Marie Ferry purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Eugenia Larson.*



Marie Ferry - March 19 at 08:05 AM



“ *Inger Melin lit a candle in memory of Eugenia Larson*



Inger Melin - March 19 at 06:40 AM



Thank you Inger. ❤️

Steve Larson - April 03 at 11:49 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Eugenia Larson.*



March 19 at 02:07 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eugenia Larson.

March 19 at 02:07 AM