

Resetar family matriarch dies at 95

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Anna Matson Resetar, the matriarch of five-generations of the Resetar family, died at her Watsonville home late Thursday at age 95.

Born March 8, 1905 in New Chicago, Amador County, Mrs. Resetar told friends it was the heart of the historic gold country.

"My grandmother led a truly exemplary life, devoted first and foremost to her family," said grandson Peter Radin, Jr. "Whether in times of joy or pain, she was a marvelous role model for us all, and we will carry her ideal with us forever."

Mrs. Resetar moved to Watsonville with her father and siblings as a small child after the death of her mother. The Pajaro Valley remained her home for the balance of her life.

In 1923, she married Louis Resetar, the youngest of three immigrant brothers who founded and operated what was for many decades, the largest agribusiness concern in the Pajaro Valley. Also known as the most personable and gregarious of his brothers, Mr. Resetar played an active role in civic and community affairs with Mrs. Resetar always at his side.

Combined with her husband's generosity and good humor, Mrs. Resetar's hospitality and personal charm filled their home at the corner of East Lake Avenue and Blackburn Street throughout their marriage. It was a favorite gathering for both young and old.

A devoted wife, mother and grandmother, Mrs. Resetar was a homemaker and had been a member of the Young Ladies Institute,



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the Watsonville Woman's Club and the Catholic Daughters.

She is preceded in death by her husband Louis, who died in 1973, her son Peter and a grandson, Robert Johnson. Mrs. Resetar is survived by sons Louis, Jr. and Liz Resetar and William and Joanne Resetar, all of Watsonville; daughters Marie Cota of Brentwood and Anna Louise and Peter Radin of Watsonville; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial will be said Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Valley Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the family vault at Valley Catholic Cemetery. Friends may call at Mehl's Colonial Chapel Monday from noon until 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made to a favorite charity.