



# Ponté Palmero

RESORT-STYLE LIVING

August 2025

## Resident of the Month



### Resident of the Month: Barbara Demattei

Our August Resident of the Month is Barbara Demattei. She was born in her grandmother's home in San Francisco, CA on Bayshore

Boulevard (now Highway 101). It was so much fun growing up in San Francisco! Barbara's family emigrated from North Beach to the Portola district in south east S.F. after the 1906 earthquake and fires. Her father was a self-educated man who worked as a machinist for the American Can Company for 50 years. He started out as a "shop kid" at 15 and ended up shop superintendent. Barbara's father was one for reading and learning. He taught her to pull out the dictionary when she came across a word she didn't know. He was very smart. Her mother, always classy and put-together, was a "happy housewife" who mopped the floors every day and kept the house spotless. In the time before refrigeration, daily trips to the grocery store were necessary. Barbara remembers when their family inherited her grandmother's ice box, and when they got their first refrigerator in 1950.

Barbara met her husband in junior high school in the 7th grade. "It was hate at first sight!" she said, "He was just too much." It only took a year for hate to turn to love. They met at a party and danced well together. She broke up with him in 9th grade and even went to a different high school to avoid him, but fate had other plans. They ended up at all the special events and proms together. They dated off and on and fell in love during their senior year, marrying 3 years later. Barbara and her husband had 5 children, 8 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Her grandchildren call her "Nonnie."

Barbara began playing piano at age 9. She once played organ at church part-time for weddings and funerals. Now, she is part of the ukulele club at Ponté.

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# Happy Birthday

- Charlene "Chick" Yust - Aug. 3
- Mae Smith - Aug. 4
- Vance Spencer - Aug. 6
- Jeannine Balmet - Aug. 7
- Bonnie Tibbitts - Aug. 10
- Kay Wyman - Aug. 10
- Sandy Dwyre - Aug. 12
- Wonda Kelley - Aug. 16
- Tom Surrency - Aug. 16
- Barbara Demattei - Aug. 17
- David MacBride - Aug. 18
- Sally Dubbin - Aug. 19
- Beth Murphy - Aug. 20
- Sheila Eyre - Aug. 21
- Carole Logsdon - Aug. 21
- Kenneth Danz - Aug. 22
- Harry Zelinka - Aug. 22
- Teresa Nivison - Aug. 26
- Joan Stabe - Aug. 26
- Beverly Allison - Aug. 31
- Tori Hobert - Aug. 31

# Happy Anniversary

- Gary & Nancy Cramer - Aug. 1
- Phil & Phyllis Bender - Aug. 8



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Barbara worked part-time as a payroll clerk for the San Mateo County Transit District for 3 years, and then for the South San Francisco Fire Department for 10 years. While she was with the fire department, she had the opportunity to go to college for the first time at age 49. At Skyline College, Barbara learned how to use computers and earned an AA degree.

In the 1970s, Barbara and her husband traveled all over Europe and the United States. They went on an Alaskan cruise and visited Italy to find their roots. While in Italy, they found relatives they didn't know they had. With 3 friends, Barbara went on a tour of the national parks. She especially loved Mount Rushmore. "There is an aura there," she said.

Barbara enjoys walking, root beer floats (her favorite!), and knitting and crochet. She used to make afghans and baby clothes and she is thinking of starting a new project soon. Barbara loves living at Ponté. "It's the best move I have ever made," she said. When asked if she had any advice to share, Barbara said, "We all go at different times. Enjoy your life for each day. Enjoy it while you can, for as long as you can."

## Father's Day BBQ





Arts and Crafts



Fionna Singing on Friday Night



Mexican Train



Trivia With Nic



Hawaii/ Beach Day





4th of July Parade















Carole Singing the National Anthem



Friday 0:34 AM



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Ponté Palmero Resort-Style Living

“This Month  
In History”  
AUGUST

**1492:** The Niña, Pinta and Santa Maria leave Spanish port for their accidental destination of the Americas.

**1790:** The first U.S. census begins. The population count has been repeated every ten years since then.

**1914:** Cleveland, Ohio, installs the world’s first electric traffic signal. The manually operated light directed traffic at Euclid Avenue and East 105th Street.

**1926:** New York athlete Gertrude Ederle swims the English Channel, becoming the first woman to do so.

**1949:** The Basketball Association of America and the National Basketball League merge to form the National Basketball Association (NBA).

**1957:** “American Bandstand,” a TV show of teens dancing to rock and roll, premieres with host Dick Clark.

**1969:** Woodstock opens in a New York field, bringing more than 400,000 people to see its three days of concerts featuring Joan Baez, Santana, The Grateful Dead, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix and more.

**1978:** The first transatlantic balloon flight is completed successfully when the Double Eagle II lands near Paris, France, after traversing more than 3,200 miles from Presque Isle, Maine.

**2009:** Usain Bolt breaks his own 100-meter dash record at the World Championships in Berlin by completing the race in 9.58 seconds.