

dation. She was a good grandmother."

Recently, Mrs. Bailey took sick and was hospitalized with congestive heart and blood clot problems. She had four surgeries in three weeks, her daughter said. Her family was with her when she died Nov. 19 at S.F. General Hospital, heavily sedated from bowel surgery. She was 58.

Silva spoke on the phone from Daly City the day of Mrs. Bailey's Nov. 29 memorial at the Ritz, where her mother lived for nine years. She was unable to attend the memorial in the third-floor kitchen, where a small bouquet of red flowers and two candles adorned a table and a half-dozen residents gathered. Few spoke, straining to be heard over the raucous yelling and horn-honking wafting up from the street below. They said she was a quiet, Christian woman and generous.

"She gave me a Bible once," said Lee Landry. "I can't remember if I asked her for it or she just gave it to me. She was a very good person. I talked to her in her apartment and outside. Other than (talk with) me and a couple of others, she was quiet."

"She was one of my first friends when I came here 5½ years ago," Landry continued. "She talked about her children and grandchildren. I don't know what kind of a grandmother she was, though. When her granddaughter ran away she came to me for comfort. The granddaughter eventually came back."

"I'll definitely miss her."

Rev. Glenda Hope, who conducted the brief ceremony, said "missing her" was important.

"Everyone's death is mourned," she said. "Our days are numbered. Reach out to each other."

— Tom Carter

VIRGINIA REYES LOVED FAMILY, GIANTS

Virginia Reyes would have had her Giants baseball cap on, whooping it up in front of her television set, her son said, if she had only lived through the team's postseason comeback that culminated in a World Series sweep.

She had been an avid fan even before her late husband played baseball on a U.S. Army team in the Philippines, before they moved to America in 1983, her son, George Reyes, 67, said at her memorial in October at the 990 Polk St. senior apartments. A four-year resident, Mrs. Reyes had been in and out of UCSF Medical Center in recent months with complications from diabetes and hypertension and died there Aug. 9. She was 87, among the oldest in the 110-apartment complex where her son and daughter-in-law lived with her.

"She always followed the Giants games," he said. "Mom was a sports fanatic."

Ms. Reyes had a daughter and four sons, two preceding her in death. She was seen as the caring matriarch of an extended family. In her final months, more than a dozen relatives visited to see to her health and keep her company.

A social worker announced that illness had kept Rev. Glenda Hope from officiating at the



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Virginia Reyes

memorial and invited the 10 attendees to share their feelings about Ms. Reyes. They described her as very religious, smiling, loving and helpful to others before she herself needed care.

"You could see how much her family loved her," said one man, "and it all came back to her."

Her generosity of spirit radiated in daily living at the apartment building, and affected people she saw at social gatherings and meetings, they said. She strengthened the building's community, said Marco Tulcanaza, property manager. "It comforts me that she brought love here, and she will always be loved."

The family laid out a tableful of food for the mourners — fruit, cold cuts, chow mein and lumpia. Management provided cookies and coffee. ■

— Tom Carter

Vis Valley edges TL for lowest voter turnout

BY JONATHAN NEWMAN

VOTERS in the Tenderloin's 16 precincts turned out in significantly smaller numbers last month than the city-wide tally, as they typically do.

The Department of Elections reports that 364,875 of the city's 502,841 registered voters cast ballots in the Nov. 6 election — a turnout rate of 72.56%. In the Tenderloin, the turnout hovered at about 58%.

Only Visitation Valley voted at a lower rate than the Tenderloin, but barely — the turnout there: 56.82%.

Voting by mail, which includes early voting at City Hall as well as military and overseas voting, outpaced precinct voting by more than four percentage points.

President Obama was the choice on 83.4% of the ballots cast citywide; in the Tenderloin he topped 84%.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein hit a citywide high of 88.5% in winning re-election to the U.S. Senate, but dropped to 81.8% with TL voters.

Prop 30, the state tax increase, succeeded with 76.93% citywide and 83% in the Tenderloin.

Prop 32, which would have harmed unions by eliminating payroll deductions to support political action committees, was rejected by 72.05% of voters in the city. TL voters rejected it — 4,795 of the 7,833 ballots voted no — by a 61.2% margin.

Prop 34, which sought to abolish the death penalty, was defeated statewide, but San Francisco voters approved it by 70.11%. TL voters approved Prop 34 at 64.07%.

San Francisco voters endorsed the successful Prop 36, the proposed changes to the three strikes law, by 84.53%. Tenderloin voters agreed by a margin of 74.81% — 5,860 out of 7,833 ballots.

Measure A, the proposal to increase funds for City College through parcel taxes, passed with citywide approval at 72.9%; 75.9% of TL voters approved it.

Measure C, Mayor Lee's affordable-housing fund, passed citywide by 65.15%. TL voters approved the measure at 73.10%.

Precinct 7616 — bounded by Van Ness, Market, Larkin and Redwood Alley — had the highest turnout of all Tenderloin precincts: 73.75% of registered voters cast ballots.

The lowest turnout was in Precinct 7615 where only 247 of the 563 registered voted — 45.73%. The Lower Eddy precinct is bounded by Leavenworth, Golden Gate, Jones and Eddy. ■

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