



Mary Agnes Barrett

December 6, 1925 - July 29, 2018

Mary Agnes Barrett passed away of natural causes at her home in Mission Viejo, CA on Sunday, July 29, 2018. She was 92 years old.

Mary led a life full of adventures and wonderful experiences. She was born on December 6, 1925 in the small town of Ihlen, Minnesota. Her parents were Anthony and Lucille Barrett. Mary was the third born in a family of four sisters, Ellen, Margaret, and Theresa (Sister Margaret). She spent her youngest years in Watertown, South Dakota and moved to Redondo Beach, California in her teen years.

Mary obtained a teaching degree and taught elementary school for 30 years in Torrance, California. She went on to become the president of the Teachers Association of Torrance. She was a favorite teacher to many of her students. Mary earned the privilege of being an exchange teacher three different school years and taught in England, Scotland and Canada, these opportunities were very special to her.

After an early retirement Mary traveled extensively. She visited almost every continent including many trips to Ireland to spend time with family. Mary formed life-long friendships with people she met during her travels, she was friendly, interesting and interested in others.

Mary was one of the founding members of the South Bay Lapidary and Mineral Society in 1948, which is still active today. Among her other hobbies were bowling, stamp collecting, making jewelry, embroidering, reading, and visiting Las Vegas for a few rounds on the slot machines!

Mary was an active member of St. Catherine's Church in Torrance before moving to Mission Viejo and becoming a parishioner at St. Kilian's.

Family and friends were everything to Mary. For over 50 years she had a best friend, Frances, who shared many adventures with her. Mary cared for both her parents in their

final years and was an exceptional daughter, sister, aunt and friend.

In last few years of life Mary didn't suffer an "ache or a pain" and was laughing and enjoying life right up to the end, she also kept us laughing.

She is survived by her sister, Sister Margaret, her nieces Barbara and Therese Legere and her nephew David Legere. She was also a great aunt to Dave, Danielle, Keven and Ryan; and a great-great aunt to Wyatt, Alexa, Liara and Landon.

We love you, Aunt Mary! You will forever be in our hearts and memories.

On Friday, August 4th, Mary will be laid to rest in a private ceremony at Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity in her name.

Please join us in remembering Mary. Through this site, we invite you to share your thoughts and fond memories with our family.

Cemetery

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery

5835 W. Slauson Ave.

Culver City, CA, 90230

Comments



“ Dear Mary , You were loved by many. So many of us who knew you have only wonderful memories of you. Anita and I were fortunate to have known you in the Torrance Schools and into the years long after we all retired. We span many years. I was proud to have been your principal for years at Victor school in west Torrance where you served as a fine teacher and friend. Those were enjoyable years. Long after retirement , we looked forward to getting your Christmas card and the latest news on you and your sisters .I guess we both kept each other up to date on our lives all of those years too. Bless you Mary. We know you are in the presence of our Lord , Jesus Christ.....J.Steve and Anita Shearer

James Steven Shearer - September 01, 2018 at 06:35 PM



“ Mary was always a good friend and neighbor to us. I remember her kindness and laughter. We will miss her!! Love, Anne and Jenny Carlson

Anne Carlson - August 15, 2018 at 10:10 PM



“ Anne Carlson lit a candle in memory of Mary Agnes Barrett



Anne Carlson - August 15, 2018 at 09:33 PM



“ My Aunt Mary was a sweet wonderful person. I have so many wonderful memories from childhood to being an adult. As a kid we would spend many sleep overs at her house, I would play dress up and wear lots of her jewelry, as I got older I would organize her jewelry by color and a lot of it stayed that way! She took us to the movies and amusement parks and always made sure we had a great time. When she moved to Mission Viejo, me my mom and brother all helped her pack. I made sure her new house was all set up and organized with all of her beautiful collectables before she moved in. I loved going to her annual rock and mineral show, she was like a "rock star" as she was one of the founders. My favorite memory was going to Ireland twice!!! She always made sure we saw all the best sights and castles. Love and miss you Aunt Mary!!!!



“ Mary was a very special cousin and I know how much my mother, Rozella and my dad, Altee always treasured her along with her sisters. I missed her when she moved from this area as I was able to visit her in Redondo frequently. I was privileged to visit her new home in Mission Viejo and share her happiness in being close to her immediate family. My sympathy to all of you.

Darlene Bowen and family

Darlene Bowen - August 10, 2018 at 11:44 AM



“ Thanks, Darlene.

Barbara - August 11, 2018 at 10:09 PM



“ I have a lifetime of great memories of my Aunt Mary. As a child I always looked forward to spending the night at her house, she had so many interesting things to look at. I remember her and her friend Frances taking me to Grauman's Chinese Theater for the opening of "A Christmas Carol" and several other classic films.

When I was 13 she took me on a wonderful trip to Hawaii! We took a cruise there, spend a week and flew home.

Aunt Mary was always there for me when I needed her. As her caregiver in her final months we spent a lot of time together and she had developed a very funny personality along with a bit of dementia. One of the funniest things she did was, when my fiance was visiting her with me, she introduced me to him as if I had never known him! She was so cute about it.

I love you so much, Aunt Mary, thanks for being such an amazing aunt to me and great-aunt to Keven.

Love,
Barbara



Barbara Legere - August 01, 2018 at 01:18 PM