



Bernadette Veronica Temple

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Bernadette Temple, a long-time resident of the Santa Barbara area, died Tuesday the 14th of October, 2014 at Serenity House Hospice Center.

Bernadette was born in 1934 in the Bronx, NY, youngest of the five children of John J. and Mary C. Meadows. Her older siblings were John, Alice, James and Phillip. All of her siblings predeceased her.

At the age of 14, Bernadette and her family relocated to Milwaukee, WI. She was a student at Marquette University in the College of Engineering, and subsequently worked as a secretary in the Engineering Department at AC Spark Plug, a division of General Motors. It was there that she met the love of her life, Richard W. (Dick) Temple. Dick and Bernadette were married in 1960 and shortly thereafter began raising their rambunctious family of six children. The children are, in order of birth: Teresa Marie, Anne Marie, Mary Angela, Richard William II, Michelle Marie and James Andrew. Bernadette and Dick lived in Racine, WI until 1972, when Dick was transferred to Delco Systems in Santa Barbara during the final stages of the Apollo Space Program. They packed the entire family into a station wagon for the tumultuous 5-day trip across the country.

Bernadette was a devoted wife and mother, and was extremely busy over the years raising her children and keeping the family home. The family has many memories of large holiday gatherings where she was the party planner and chef. Bernadette had a keen mind, a very quick wit, and an amazing vocabulary. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, tending her lovely rose garden and beating everyone in the family at Scrabble. Bernadette enjoyed times spent with her family and friends, in particular her special friends Marie Alvarado (dec.) and Rosa Villaseñor. Over the years, she and Dick had many wonderful pets. Most recently, she truly enjoyed the company of their beloved dogs Candy and Miley.

She is survived by her husband, their six children, and grandchildren: Tamara, Abraham, Natasha, Christopher, Owen and Briana. She is also survived by two wonderful great-grandchildren, Devante and Kathleen.

A memorial will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2014, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at Welch-Ryce-Haider Santa Barbara, 15 East Sola Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93 10 1.

Memorial gifts may be made to the
American Diabetes Association

The family wishes to give special thanks to the caregivers at Serenity House.

Events

OCT **Memorial Service** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Welch-Ryce-Haider - Downtown

15 E. Sola St., Santa Barbara, CA, US, 93101

Comments



“ The Wicklund's of Norway, Michigan extend our condolences to Richard (Dick) Temple and family in the passing of Bernadette. Our hearts are sad.

We grew up with Dick and shared many adventures.

Robert, David, & Edwin Wicklund

Robert Wicklund - October 20, 2014 at 02:00 PM