



## Fredric August Fucci

February 28, 1926 - June 26, 2016

Fredric “Fred” August Fucci  
1926-2016

Fredric August Fucci was born February 28, 1926, in Brooklyn, New York, to Federico Fucci and Edythe Anderson. He died June 26, 2016, at his home in Goleta, where he lived with Carol Peterson. A memorial service will be held July 18, 11:30 a.m., at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Santa Barbara (Truls Nelson and Russ Gordon officiating); a reception will follow at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. His ashes will be scattered at sea, per his request.

Fred attended Brooklyn Technical High School, specializing in engineering, and spent his summers working at a Boy Scout camp, where he eventually became an Eagle Scout and Scoutmaster to 40 children. He enlisted in the US Navy after graduation, hoping to become a pilot, but was stationed with other duties in Florida for 2 years. He was finally able to realize his dream when Mark Hurd Aerial Photography of Santa Barbara put him to work in 1948 as a photo-navigator mapping the United States.

In 1952, Fred married Elda Anna Heyden, daughter of Erdman Heyden and Leona Lamb, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In 1954, Hycon Aerial Surveys offered him the opportunity to do some high altitude flying in South and Central America, so the family packed their bags and spent the next 3 years living in Chile, Peru, and Ecuador.

Returning to Santa Barbara 1968, he began purchasing and building duplexes near the beach and university in Isla Vista; beginning a new career in property management. He took college classes to learn the building trade and went to work for Michael Towbes Construction. In 1970 he purchased a home in one of their developments; then built a vacation cabin in Lake Nacimiento’s Laguna Vista Boat Club. Fred retired from Towbes Construction in 1992, but vacation plans had to be put on hold due to his wife’s declining health; Elda died in 1995. When he was ready to begin traveling again in 1996, Fred invited Carol Peterson to join him on his adventures.

Fred never let age or infirmity slow him down as he travelled, by cruise ship and RV, throughout the world. In February 2016, he celebrated his 90th birthday with a huge party attended by the many friends he’d made while conducting aerial surveys, managing

property, working for Michael Towbes, and cruising the world.

While Fred had no children of his own, he counted among his family Elda's and Carol's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by Elda (1919-1995), his stepdaughter Vicky (1994-2003) and son-in-law Norman (1944-2001). He is survived by Carol; and her children Brian, Karen, and Gary; and grandchildren Chrystalyn, Toby, Maria, Jaedyn and David. He is also survived by his stepdaughter Phyllis; grandchildren Norm, Steve, Ted, Tony, Tracy, and Tim; and great-grandchildren Matt, Mike, Teighlor, and TJ. He will be greatly missed. Memorial donations may be made to Direct Relief or Hospice or your favorite charity.

# Events

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**JUL Memorial Service 11:30AM**

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Trinity Lutheran Church

909 N. La Cumbre Rd., Santa Barbara, CA, US, 93110

# Comments

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“ I could share many, many good stories and memories of Fred, who as children we called by his nickname "Paco", but two stand out in particular... Fred had no biological children of his own, but he did leave someone to carry on his name. 51 years ago, I was born his grandson, and was given the name Anthony Fredric Lenda, leaving to me the honor and responsibility as his heir to carry on his name and legacy. Fred was always there for us as a grandfather, and helped us in many ways throughout our lives, but there was one particular instance of kindness and generosity that I will never forget. Many years ago during a particularly trying time in my life, Fred gave me some unsolicited help that was very timely and literally life-changing. It became the springboard to the successful life I have today, and to me will always define the man's character. As his namesake, I have and will continue to pay forward the generosity he displayed towards me those many years ago, and bring honor to the name I have been given. We loved him and he will be missed. May he rest in peace and join us again at the 1st resurrection : )

**Anthony Lenda** - July 19, 2016 at 07:11 AM

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“ Paula Smith lit a candle in memory of Fredric August Fucci



**Paula Smith** - July 11, 2016 at 11:41 PM

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“ 64 years ago Fred Fucci became my Dad. Remembering: Living in South America was a wonderful experience. I'll never forget riding in the nose of a P-38 with him. He loved flying and being an aerial photographer. Wonderful memories living on Sabado Tarde where there were so many good times, with grand parents, great-aunts, cousins visiting and where Papa Freddy was always "cooking out" for everyone. There were many fishing trips, walking on the pier. On Davenport Rd. there were again all the family visits with 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren, parents, grandparents, great-Aunts and friends. Again he was in charge of the barbeque, and playing with the younger children, showing them the tricks he taught his dog Poco, and games for everyone. He loved tennis and golf. He had a dish of ice cream, every night. With 43 years with my Mom, Elda, followed by 20 years with Carol, and all the traveling he did, I don't think his life could be matched by many. 90 years well-lived. With love, his daughter, Phyllis.

Phyllis Biron (daughter) - July 04, 2016 at 05:38 PM

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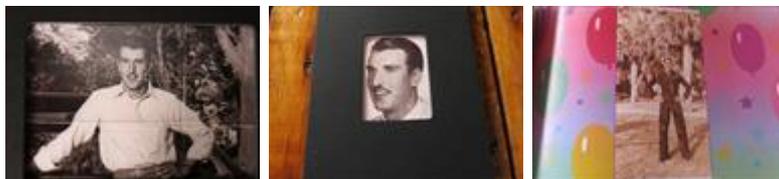


Phyllis Biron (daughter) - July 04, 2016 at 05:26 PM

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Phyllis Biron (daughter) - July 04, 2016 at 04:13 PM

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Karen Brown - July 03, 2016 at 09:53 PM

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“ Karen Brown lit a candle in memory of Fredric August Fucci



Karen Brown - June 29, 2016 at 08:45 PM