



## Lynn T. Burtness

July 16, 1938 - December 2, 2014

On December 2, 2014 Lynn transitioned into the loving arms of Jesus following a brave battle against leukemia. She was born in Ely, Nevada on July 16, 1938 and moved to Santa Barbara with her family in 1952. Attending and graduating from both La Cumbre Junior High School and Santa Barbara High School, she continued her education at UCSB from which she earned a BA in Home Economics in 1960. She then taught related subjects at Santa Barbara Junior High School for 2 1/2 years. During this time she married Robert Alderman, and they had two daughters, Janet and Laurie.

As a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 56 years, she became a Worthy Matron and also a Deputy Grand Matron. She was a charter member of the Santa Barbara High School Alumni Association and was the president for two terms. In addition, she chaired her class reunion committee for many years. Lynn was also a long time member of the Santa Barbara Woman's Club at Rockwood where she served as president.

Acquainted with Bob Burtness since they were in the orchestra at La Cumbre Junior High School plus the marching and concert bands at Santa Barbara High School, they continued to see each other at class reunions and were married in 1991. Together they enjoyed numerous activities including wood refinishing, an antique car club, various historical organizations, the Santa Barbara Zoo, traveling, railroads between the sizes of toy trains and the Nevada Northern Railway, and rebuilding their Santa Barbara family home into a Queen Anne Victorian.

Lynn inspired others as a compassionate, loving, and upbeat person whose presence and attitude was contagious.

Lynn was preceded in death by her father, Paul Hammock, mother, Cora Hammock, first husband, Robert Alderman, grandson, Zachary Bunnell, and step grandson, Chris Zahuta. She is survived by her husband, Bob, daughters Janet Alderman Zahuta (Bob) and Laurie Alderman Bunnell (Doug), grand daughters Joslin Alderman and Zoe Bunnell, step grandson Matt Zahuta, step daughter Shenandoah Marr, sister-in-law Linda Alderman and

brothers-in-law George and Bill Burtness.

The family appreciates the dedicated professionalism and loving care given to Lynn by the Oncology Department at the Cottage Hospital, with special thanks to Dr. Julie A. Taguchi and Nurse Practitioner Hangama Abassi for their insight and special friendship.

A memorial service will be held at El Montecito Presbyterian Church on Thursday, January 15 at 2:00 P. M. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory would be welcomed on behalf of the Santa Barbara High School Alumni Association or the Santa Barbara Woman's Club endowment fund.

# Events

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**JAN**   **Memorial Service**                      02:00PM - 03:00PM

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El Montecito Presbyterian Church

1455 East Valley Road, Santa Barbara, CA, US, 93108

# Comments

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“ Lynn was always so kind. She was such a good sport traveling with Bob to all of his events. When Julie and I negotiated to buy Bob's house it was Lynn who broke the awkward pause in our negotiation saying, "Come you guys, just split it down the middle and be done with this!" I will always hold Lynn dear in my heart. -- Dave and Julie Holmes

**dave holmes** - January 14, 2015 at 08:24 PM

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“ Dear Janet and Laurie,  
Your mother was the sweetest lady to me when we were growing up. I always enjoyed coming over to your house because she made it so welcoming. I have fond memories of our childhood together. She will be missed.

Love, Debbie Furnari

**Debbie Furnari** - December 13, 2014 at 03:55 PM

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“ This lovely lady will be missed by those of us who enjoyed her company at Trinity Lutheran Church. Please accept our condolences Bob and we pray for peace and comfort that comes from our Savior.

Nancy & Bill Kelly

**Bill Nancy Kelly** - December 12, 2014 at 01:57 PM

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“ Lynn was a wonderful woman; I loved working on the SBHS Board with her and Bob. She will be missed!

**Helen Murdoch** - December 12, 2014 at 11:04 AM

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“ Lynn was a great lady one of a kind.

Raul and Lav Navarro

**Raul and Lav Navarro** - December 10, 2014 at 12:38 PM