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Margaret was born to Ignacio and Mary Jessica Ruiz in Santa Barbara, CA, where she lived her entire life bringing joy to all who loved and cherished her. She attended Guadalupe Catholic Elementary School and graduated from Santa Barbara Catholic High (Bishop Diego), and attended Santa Barbara City College. She loved her first job at General Telephone, working and having fun at the same time. She went on to work as an interpreter for the Santa Barbara Superior Court. Margaret also was a receptionist at Santa Barbara General Research Company where she continued making friends while loving her work.

After being the BEST stay-at-home mother to her children, Margaret earned her Real Estate License in 1985. She loved this new adventure and in her first year was part of a coveted group of agents to sell \$1,000,000 in one year. Margaret was so proud to make The Million Dollar Club! Margaret volunteered with Planned Parenthood and Santa Barbara Sister Cities. Volunteering with Old Spanish Days was her passion and she loved dressing up in her beautiful Fiesta dresses, and she especially enjoyed participating in the rodeo, with her gentleman cowboy Armand by her side!

Margaret is predeceased by her parents, Ignacio and Mary Jessica Ruiz and her brother, Gilbert Ruiz. She is survived by her three children, Melissa Peter (Rick), Matthew Pettit, Elizabeth Palme (Chris), her grandchildren- Bijan Palme, Delaney Peter, and Leif Palme, her brother Anthony Ruiz (Janet) and her former husband, Kenneth Pettit. Margaret is also survived by many nieces and nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Margaret's will to engage with the world prevailed until her final days; she rebuffed the hindrances of arthritis in pursuit of time well spent in laughter and conversation. Her cheerfulness and inspiring optimism will be remembered by all who loved her.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Arthritis Foundation of Santa Barbara. A Rosary for Margaret will take place on Wednesday, May 2nd, at 7pm. at the Welch-Ryce-Haider Santa Barbara Chapel. Mass will be held Thursday, May 3rd, at 10am at the

Old Mission Santa Barbara. Interment to follow at Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery

Calvary Cemetery

199 North Hope Ave
Santa Barbara, CA, 93110

Events

MAY 2 **Rosary** 07:00PM
Welch-Ryce-Haider - Downtown
15 E. Sola St., Santa Barbara, CA, US, 93101

MAY 3 **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM
Old Mission Santa Barbara
2201 Laguna St., Santa Barbara, CA, US, 93105

Comments



“ Where to start so so sorry for your loss of a great lady. I can still see her laughing and smiling with my sister Shirley. They were a pair. They both went to work for the phone Co.

Good times just kept going on. Margaret is in heaven with her mom and dad and the gang is back together Shirley is there too oh don't forget Gilbert he's there too!

Mr. and Mrs. Ruiz were the best I really got to know Maria better all the years we sang together in the San Roque Choir. Margaret was there quite often enjoying the music. It was great to look out and see her smiling.

It took a long time Margaret, but now no pain anymore for you.

My prayers to all the family. We all have history together.

Love you

Judy Manriquez

Judy Manriquez - May 01, 2018 at 08:22 PM



“ My dear friends, I want to share my joy of knowing Margaret and yours and her family when Margaret was teenager and how we all grew up in the same neighborhood and later all knew one another over the years. My family and I send our deepest admiration for such having Margaret in our lives. Her courage, love of life and family and friends will always be remembered. Her parents, Maria and Ignatio & brothers , children and families were all part of our lives and memories. Sending many blessings as we feel blessed with our memories of Margaret and all of you.

Carolina Gino - May 01, 2018 at 12:20 PM