



Marjorie M. Gardner

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Marjorie Gardner (Marge) passed away peacefully on February 23rd, 2019 at her home at the age of 91. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 63 years, Ermylo (Bill) Gardner and is survived by her daughter Diane. She was a devoted wife and mother during her long and wonderful life.

Marge was born in Ontonagon, Michigan to Neil and Mildred Black (Westbrook). She was the third of six children and raised there until the family moved to Flint, Michigan in 1943. She met her husband, Bill in Flint where they married in 1947. She worked at A&P and A/C Spark Plug for a short period of time and then when Bill joined General Motors-Delco their travels would take them to several locations over the next 20 years including Ellwood City, PA., Alamogordo, NM, Ridgecrest, CA, Santa Maria, CA, Merritt Island, FL. and finally settling in Santa Barbara, CA. where she would remain for the next 47 years.

During these years she made many lasting friendships with members of the Delco family. Marge kept active over the years with various hobbies and activities. She spent a period of time involved in ceramics, sewing, china painting and crocheting. She made beautiful afghans for weddings and baby blankets as each of her extended family members were married and had their own children. Her hobbies also included bowling where she regularly enjoyed bowling with her Thursday morning bowling group until she was no longer able to bowl. She was the best cook of home cooked meals, always making sure someone had more than enough food to eat, she never wanted anyone to leave her table hungry and at Christmas time she would make the most excellent candy to hand out to friends. Marge had a kind heart and would always be thinking of and helping others. When her daughter was young, she participated with her in Girl Scouting events and helped out in the elementary school, usually with children who were struggling in school work. She loved children. She was a devoted member of the Catholic Church with a strong faith in the Lord. She will be missed by many, both family and dear friends.

Marge is survived by her daughter, Diane, her brother, Bill Black (Arless), sisters, Patricia Bell (Jerry), Doris Pascoe (Bill) and many caring nieces and nephews. She is preceded in

death by her husband Bill (November 2010), and brothers, Robert Black (1984) and Daniel Black (1997).

A memorial mass will be held at Saint Raphael Church 5444 Hollister Ave. on Friday, March 8th at 10:00 AM with reception immediately following in the Parish Hall. Donations in her honor may be made to Santa Barbara Rescue Mission (<https://www.sbrm.org>), Santa Barbara Foodbank (<https://foodbanksbc.org>) or Defenders of Wildlife (<https://defenders.org>) charities.

Comments



“ I have one of her beautiful Afghans and it will always be treasured. Thinking of you Diane and sending you strength and comfort today and always.

kathy smith - March 08 at 04:40 AM



“ Dear Diane, very sorry for the loss of your Mom. Marge was my Godmother from a very young age and I loved Her with all my heart ! The kindness , grace, compassion and love just flowed right from Her heart. I have so many fond memories of her, She always had me over for sleep overs, pool time, meals, and the patience she had for us three kids was abundant ! Your parents were very close to mine, I'll never forget all the Bowling, Launch parties, boating excursions they shared together. I will never forget the love your Mother gave me ! I'm glad She is with the Lord Jesus Christ and has Peace through Eternity ! Love, Debbie

Debbie Harkness - March 06 at 09:04 AM



“ My condolences to you Diane, your mother was one of the loveliest persons I have ever known. May the memory of her love for you, console you and give you peace. We have Marge's afghans that she made for our wedding and our sons' births. They will always remind us of her kindness, love and laughter.

Brad and Mary Nave - March 06 at 02:41 AM



“ Diane

Both your mom and dad have shown me so much love and kindness for many decades. They took me in to their home and family way back in college spoiling me with love, kindness, and many home cooked meals. While a college student in the 90s, they made their home my home and let me live there off and on. So many beautiful memories with Bill and Marge.

They were so giving and selfless with generosity. BBQ steaks and Manhattan drinks and good simple times. And marge always made fresh backed cookies for me.

Since Bill passed we continued to see marge and she always treated me like a son. Both of them always treated me like that.

We saw her just a few weeks before she left us. She was always so full of sweet love. So wonderful and she will really be missed so much. So sad she is not there is SB for a last minute visit. I will greatly miss her.

Diane you are family too and please know we are there for you anytime. Ill my prayers for you and your mom. May she be in heaven with Bill waiting for all of us.

brad - March 08 at 12:41 AM



“ I remember the beautiful afghan Aunt Marge made for me and my first wife. We loved it so much it was always displayed on the couch in our home. Every year a Christmas card. I will miss her with fond memories.

Neil Shanafelt - March 05 at 06:00 PM