



Alyce Tamine Snekvik

February 3, 1916 - November 3, 2012

Born in Brooklyn, New York to Pernille Gurina Hansen from Norway and Einar Christen Michealsen from Denmark, Alyce was the third child in a large family of eleven children. She always enjoyed telling about her 9 brothers and 1 sister. When Alyce was 8 years old the family moved from Brooklyn to Hempstead, Long Island. Ringed by open fields, Hempstead was an ideal place to raise the growing family. The town was also next to Roosevelt Field where Lindberg began his famous trans-Atlantic flight in 1927. Alyce was eleven and remembered the excitement of that day in May.

During WWII Roosevelt and Mitchell Airfield became major training facilities for fighter pilots. Many of Alyce's brothers were members of the "Great Generation" active in the US military in Europe and the Pacific theater.

In 1935, she married Walter Wright and began happy, busy years as a homemaker in Long Island, NY with son Walter and daughters Barbara and Pamela completing their family. She remained active in the lives of her extended family, as well as committed to serving the Lord in her church.

In 1956, she became a single parent. With characteristic courage and determination, she drove across the country from Hempstead, New York, to Santa Barbara, California, with her daughters Barbara and Pam. There, she established a home in a Montecito cottage for herself and her daughter,

Pamela. She began a new career in Santa Barbara. A loan from her brother gave her ownership of the Bible House Gift Shop, a fixture for many years in downtown Santa Barbara. Without formal training in merchandising, she was a "natural" and built up her business. She was also a charter member of Montecito Covenant Church, established in 1959.

In 1978 she was surprised and delighted to meet and marry Edwin Snekvik. They shared a Norwegian heritage and made several trips there as well as other travels. Their 21 years together was marked by faithful church commitment, warm hospitality and family celebrations.

Preceded in death by husbands, Walter Wright and Ed Snekvik, Alyce became part of the heavenly throng at Jesus' feet on November 3, 2012. She leaves behind son Walter and wife Geraldine, daughter Barbara and husband Robert Sheldon, daughter Pamela Hernandez as well as 8 grandchildren and 19 great grand children. Blessed be her memory.

Services will be at The Samarkand Chapel, November 15 at 10:30.

Donations in Alyce's memory may be given to Montecito Covenant Church Children's Ministry.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **15**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

The Samarkand Chapel
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