



Anna Cathrine LaMothe

August 19, 1915 - January 5, 2013

Age 97, slipped peacefully away on January 5, 2013, at Cottage Hospital. A California native, Anna Cathrine was born in Salinas and raised in the Hawaiian Islands, where her grandmother and mother had been born, and where her father worked as an agricultural chemist. She attended Sacred Hearts Academy in Honolulu and then returned to California for further education at San Francisco School of Fine Arts. She worked first as a jewelry designer at Granat Bros. in San Francisco, but then moved to Manhattan, and designed jewelry for Harry Winston. There she met and married Daniel E. La Mothe, DDS. Through many years of Navy duty, in Boston, Guam, Long Beach, Bremerton, and Monterey, they raised their three children. After his 1961 retirement from the Navy, they made their home in Pebble Beach. Anna is remembered as an able and easy-going hostess, who always made her guests feel welcomed and comfortable. She was a hospital volunteer, a long-time member of the Monterey History and Art Association, the Monterey Peninsula Watercolor Society and the Central Coast Art Association. She also served as chairperson of the Adobe Tour. She was a docent of the Monterey Museum of Art, and was a member of the Daughters of Hawaii and the Hawaiian Historical Society. In the 1980's, working with her sister Marguerite, now 99, Anna explored her family's history, from France at the time of the Revolution, to Hawaii in the mid-1800s. The two sisters then co-authored a family history.

Anna moved to Santa Barbara in 2006. She is survived by her sisters,

Marguerite, of Los Alamitos, Jeanne, of San Jose, and her brother William, of Bethesda. Survivors also include her three children, Louise LaMothe (and her husband David Kaplan) of Santa Barbara, Michelle (and her husband Jean Karoubi) of New York and Pierre (and his wife Eileen) of Carmel, as well as her grandchildren, Eve (and her husband Guillaume Vitrich), Anne-France, Gabriel, Claire, Daniel and André. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations in her honor to St. Barbara's Parish, 2201 Laguna St., Santa Barbara, CA 93105 A Memorial Mass in celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, March 2, at 1 p.m. at the Carmel Mission Basilica.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Dr.
Arlington, VA 22211

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JAN 7. 10:00 AM (PT)

Saint Barbara Parish at the Old Mission
2201 Laguna St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
(805) 682-4151
<http://www.saintbarbaraparish.org/>

Memorial Mass

MAR 2. 1:00 PM (PT)

Carmel Mission Basilica
3080 Rio Rd
Carmel, CA 93923
<http://www.carmelmission.org>

Tribute Wall

PD

“ Hello Pierre, Michelle and Louise. I was very saddened to read of Ann's death. She and Mimi (Fran Crombe), my mother, were good pals during the days of the naval postgraduate school years. As a matter of fact, Pierre do remember her baby sitting you???? Both of our mothers made it to 97 and that is remarkable.

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time and i will certainly attend the Mass at the Mission on March 2.
with much fondness, Patti Crombe Doran

Patti Doran - February 18, 2013 at 12:26 PM

DM

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Dr. La Mothe - February 17, 2013 at 03:40 PM

SK

“ We are so sorry to hear that your mother has passed away. She was a lovely lady and we enjoyed knowing her.
Sharon and Jorge Kattan

Sharon Kattan - February 16, 2013 at 01:08 PM

AH

“ In keeping with my memory of your mother as a fun-loving, gracious, and artistic free spirit, I just remembered this morning that she was responsible for my first kiss. She had organized a party for some of us at your house, Louise, with the Stevenson boys and had managed to snare the young man I had such a crush on. Anyway we ended out on the deck and there it happened--not too successfully as it turns out since I needed instructions. The young man wrote a thank you note, which your mom passed on and I can't tell you how long it kept it...then there were the times you rescued me to your home during boarding school and your mother always had a warm and encompassing welcome. I am sure all of these unique and wonderful qualities have been passed on to the next generations.

Antoinette Hubbard - January 30, 2013 at 02:54 PM

EK

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Eve de la Mothe Karoubi - January 29, 2013 at 03:27 PM

PF

“ My condolences to my cousins Louise, Michelle, and Pierre on the death of your mom, Anna. She was one classy lady, and I will always have fond memories of her.

Phil Plante & family - January 09, 2013 at 06:52 AM

PP

that's Phil Plante & family

Phil Plante - January 09, 2013 at 06:53 AM

JL

“ *Anna Catherine was a beautiful, gracious lady. Our thoughts & prayers are with her children & grandchildren.*

John & Nancy Littmann - January 08, 2013 at 07:19 AM

JI

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Jeannie Isern - January 06, 2013 at 11:59 PM

WJ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



William Schreiber, Jr. - January 06, 2013 at 08:44 PM

NL

This is a great family picture! How happy they all look!

Nancy Littmann - January 08, 2013 at 07:14 AM

CG

“ Chris Graves lit a candle in memory of Anna Cathrine LaMothe



Chris Graves - January 06, 2013 at 07:55 PM

Kathy Windham

“ I read a prayer from my prayer book this morning for my Aunt Anna Cathrine LaMothe. This little book of prayers for women was a gift from my Aunt Ann, whose name I took for Confirmation. Kathy Littmann Windham



Kathy Windham - January 06, 2013 at 07:52 PM

NL

Beautiful!

Nancy Littmann - January 08, 2013 at 07:15 AM

VA

“ Victoria And Alan lit a candle in memory of Anna Cathrine LaMothe



victoria and alan - January 06, 2013 at 05:54 PM

LL

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Louise LaMothe - January 06, 2013 at 11:33 AM

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Louise LaMothe - January 06, 2013 at 11:27 AM

AH

That's gorgeous!

Antoinette Hubbard - January 30, 2013 at 02:47 PM