



Annette Sylvia Hughes

December 16, 1920 - January 26, 2012

HUGHES, Annette S.

What a wonderful life!

Annette S. Hughes was born on Dec. 16, 1920. Sadly the family waved goodbye on Jan. 26, 2012.

Born in Burbank, CA to Nellie L. Phillips Stone and George N. Stone. She married her Burbank High School sweet heart, Harold R. Hughes on January 11, 1939. They had two sons, Gary J. Hughes and Robert L. Hughes (Bob). The family enjoyed camping and fishing. In 1953 the family moved to Santa Barbara to begin the family business with Harold's brother Leland and wife Doris Hughes. Together they started Hughes Bros. Pontiac on Chapala St.

Annette & Harold became involved in the Santa Barbara Yacht Club with their sons and began boating and water skiing. Sadly, and very suddenly, the love of her life passed away in Oct. 1964. Annette began her new life. She attended SB City College and had a short career as a secretary for Valley View Realty. Annette also kept up with her membership in P.E.O. Chapter AC. She had been a member since March 11, 1940. Soon, work began to interfere with her social life as she found new passions for tennis, golf, bridge, Ping-Pong, and dancing. She enjoyed water skiing into her 70's.

A dear friend of the family and intrepid yachtsman in his own right, Clark Smith (d. 2011), in time became her long-term companion for 28 years. Together they enjoyed several cruises and travels. Meanwhile enjoying a long running game of dominoes. Annette also discovered the joys of becoming a grandmother, especially enjoying family gatherings with Barbecued Ribs.

The first 86 years of her life were very healthy. The last five were difficult ones with declining health. She had lived at Vista Del Monte for 6 years. In Sept. of 2011, the family moved her to a new home, Abundant Care, Santa Barbara, CA. The family wishes to thank Timothy Pryko and his family along with his loving staff members Lidia, Alex & Lana for the loving care they provided for Annette to the very end. There could not have been a better place for her to live and pass. Just hours before her passing, Fredrik Rosvall, her favorite piano player played at Annette's bedside her favorite song "Blowing in the Wind."

Her smile and generosity will be remembered and missed.

Annette is survived by her sister Jo Forth of Los Osos, CA her son Gary J. Hughes & wife Tammy Hughes along with their 3 sons, Shawn, Kevin and Randy Hughes of Goleta, CA & son Robert L. (Bob) Hughes and wife Karin, & his son Bret Hughes, of Santa Barbara. She was predeceased by her grandson, Bob's son, Jon R. Hughes.

Private family services will be held with interment next to her husband and grandson at Santa Barbara Cemetery.

Donations may be sent to P.E.O. 3700 Grand Ave, Des Moines, IA 50312 OR the Alzheimer's Association.

The Answer my Friend is blowing in the Wind