



Bernadine Louise Underwood

September 24, 1922 - March 17, 2012

Of Montecito passed away on Saturday, March 17th surrounded by her loving family. She died of natural causes. Bernie was born in Little Falls, Minnesota on September 24, 1922 to German immigrant parents, Henry and Barbara Pertler. She was the youngest of eleven children. In 1941 she came west with her sister and brother in law to the beauty and enchantment of California where she soon met the love of her life and eventually married Army Sgt., Richard Underwood. They were married for fifty nine devoted years until his passing in 2001. During their marriage, they enjoyed and immersed themselves in their children's various activities and in later years enjoyed travelling throughout the United States visiting friends and family.

She is survived by her six children, Barbara Riffero, Linda Zuckerman (Ed), Dianne Baker (Tony), Tom Underwood (Robin), Mike Underwood (Tammy), and Julie Dewey (Bob) as well as thirteen grandchildren, Bill (Angelina), Michael, Matt, and Andy Zuckerman, Bret and Mark Baker, Lindsey and Lauren Underwood, Kelly, Meghan, and Natalie Dewey, and Scott (Shirley) and Jenny Underwood. She has four great-grandchildren, Evan and Kyler Zuckerman and Peyton and LeeAnn Baker.

Bernie was a loving wife, devoted mother, and nurturing grandmother. Her commitment to family and deep religious faith inspired her involvement at St. Joseph's Parish and School, Mount Carmel Parish and School, and Bishop

Garcia Diego High School where all six of her children attended. Her community service included Boy Scouts of America, 4-H, Altar Society and a long-time affiliation with the March of Dimes.

Her family fondly remembers her delicious home-cooked meals especially her holiday candies, pies, and cookies. Her daily routine included working crossword puzzles and watching Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune.

The Underwood family wishes to express sincere gratitude to the wonderful and caring staff at both Heritage House and to VNA & Hospice Care.

Bernie's funeral will be a private family Mass of Christian Burial at San Roque Catholic Parish. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor and memory to Bishop Garcia Diego High School, 4000 La Colina Rd., Santa Barbara, CA. 93110.

Tribute Wall

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“ Peace and healing for Tammy and Mike Underwood from your "old" buddies at Santa Barbara Research Center. We were the "A" Team. Lorry Mylly, Linda Hudson and Donna Ludford.

Lorry Mylly - March 22, 2012 at 06:24 PM

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“ Anita Arellanes Leski lit a candle in memory of Bernadine Louise Underwood



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I was a friend of Barbara's when we were in 7th grade at Dolores School and also at Bishop. Mrs. Underwood was always so welcoming when I visited the Carpinteria family home in the late 50's-early 60's. I always thought that she was so beautiful, and I really enjoyed her Cinnamon Toast! I also talked to both Mr. & Mrs. Underwood several times when my two children went to Mt. Carmel School 1983 - 1995, and we attended Mass. Prayers and blessings to the Underwood children and grandchildren. Anita Arellanes Leski, Carpinteria Resident

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