



## Bruce P. Crary

October 26, 1924 - May 17, 2014

Bruce P. Crary, beloved father and husband, passed away peacefully at Serenity House in Santa Barbara on May 17, 2014, at the age of 89. Bruce lived a long and fulfilled life, traveled the world, and touched many lives with his wisdom, humor and generosity.

Bruce was born in Los Angeles on October 26, 1924 to Beatrice and Gordon B. Crary. He graduated from Harvard Military School in 1943 and upon graduation served in the U. S. Army Air Corps in India in World War II. When he returned from military service, Bruce attended the University of Southern California.

Bruce began his career as a stockbroker with E. F. Hutton & Co. in Los Angeles. Though he had a keen knowledge of investments, his lifelong fascination with cars ultimately led him to become an automobile dealer in the Los Angeles area. He loved his work and as a result, his business grew over twenty-five years to include three franchises and an extensive auto leasing company.

Bruce married Mary Elizabeth Collins of Pasadena in 1955 and they had one son, Bruce Jr. Bruce was a loving, devoted husband and father. Bruce and Mary enjoyed over fifty-nine years of marriage and together they were gracious and always willing to help friends and neighbors.

Bruce was an avid yachtsman and motorcycle enthusiast, and he loved restoring antique cars. Bruce was a flag officer and ultimately Commodore of the Newport Harbor Yacht Club in Newport Beach. In Santa Barbara, he was a member of the board of directors of the Birnam Wood Golf Club. For many years, Bruce also served on the boards of directors of the Boys Republic youth rehabilitation center in Chino, the Community Hospital of San Gabriel and the Motor Car Dealers Association of Southern California.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Mary, his son, Bruce Jr., his brother, Gordon B. Crary, Jr., his sister-in-law, Emily C. Barrett, and his brother-in-law, Edwin W. Collins. Though Bruce's wit and wisdom will be greatly missed, Bruce left wonderful memories with his family and friends that will always remain.

A remembrance service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on May 30, 2014 at the Santa Barbara Cemetery Chapel. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bruce's memory may be made to Boys Republic, Chino, California, or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care, Santa Barbara, California.

# Cemetery Details

## Santa Barbara Cemetery

901 Channel Drive  
Santa Barbara, CA 93108  
(805) 969-3231

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

**MAY 30.** 11:30 AM (PT)

Santa Barbara Cemetery Chapel  
901 Channel Dr.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

# Tribute Wall

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“ As Chaplain at The Samarkand and a "car guy" I enjoyed getting to know Bruce. His career was fascinating, his enjoyment of automobiles stimulating, and our conversations about spiritual matters quietly engaging. Peace to his memory and peace to your hearts as family and friends. Chaplain Doug Johnson

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**Douglas Johnson** - May 27, 2014 at 12:19 PM