



Catharene G. Purdy

June 19, 1923 - March 5, 2014

Catharene Purdy, 90, passed away quietly at home on March 5, after a long illness, surrounded by members of her family. A devoted wife and mother, she is survived by her husband of 70 years, Ira (Bud) Purdy, her children; Howard (Barbara) Purdy of Burton, MI; Margaret Purdy Wood of Loveland, CO; Timothy (Patricia) Purdy of Rocklin, CA and Julie (John) O'Brien of Modesto, CA., eleven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one sister and many nieces and nephews. Catharene and Bud's youngest son, Stephen Purdy of Fair Oaks, CA preceded her in death in October, 1985.

Catharene was born June 19, 1923 to Mary and Daniel Driscoll in Russell, MN. She grew up there; graduated as valedictorian of her high school class in 1941, and earned her teaching certificate from Mankato State College in 1944. Catharene and Ira J. Purdy, Jr. were married in an Army chapel in Oklahoma City on March 25, 1944.

Catharene and Bud raised their family in many different places throughout Bud's long military career. She earned her BS degree in Elementary Education from George Mason University in 1972. Teaching was an endeavor that Catharene loved. She taught at various elementary schools in Minnesota, Virginia, Maine, and California, as well as Santa Barbara Business College where she provided employment-focused education and training to many students until she retired in 1986.

Catharene and Bud have lived in Santa Barbara for 40 years and were active volunteers for various organizations as well as avid gardeners and scottish dancers who participated in dancing festivals in several different countries. Catharene's many interests included traveling, music, and art.

All who knew Catharene are welcome to attend a funeral mass with the family at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Santa Barbara on March 14, at 10:00 am. Interment will be at Riverside National Cemetery, date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

MAR 14. 10:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church
21 E Sola Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Tribute Wall

CD

“ To Julie (Purdy) O'Brien and family-May you find peace in knowing that you were loved by your beloved mother and that she is with the Lord in a very safe place. Praying for you and your family always.



Carol O'Brien Davis - March 13, 2014 at 11:32 AM

MW

“ 2 files added to the album "Fountain of Youth"



Margaret Purdy Wood - March 09, 2014 at 01:27 PM

MD

Uncle Bud and cousins: Sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. We have many good memories of Aunt Catharene . Mike and Joan Driscoll

Mike Driscoll - March 10, 2014 at 09:52 PM

CK

Tom and I send our sincere sympathies for your great loss of wife and mother Catharene. Uncle Bud, Howard, Peggy, Tim and Julie - may your wonderful memories of life's celebrations keep your dear Catharene close to you forever. We always looked forward to our visits with all of you and have fond memories of times spent together. Prayers are sent your way for the difficult time you are now facing. Love, Tom and Cindi Driscoll Kruse

Cindi Driscoll Kruse - March 12, 2014 at 09:40 AM

MW

“ 3 files added to the album "A Lasting Marriage"



Margaret Purdy Wood - March 09, 2014 at 01:08 PM

SP

“ We are so sorry to hear of Catharene's passing. She is in our prayers as are all her family. The Donald Paladino family.

Susan Paladino - March 07, 2014 at 06:06 PM

EW

“ Our condolences to Bud, Howard, Barbara, Tim, Peg and Julie, and the rest of the Purdy family. The rose now grows gracefully and in peace beyond the wall. May God give you comfort in the days to come. With our love, Walt and Evelyn White

Evelyn White - March 06, 2014 at 03:49 PM

PS

The Purdy family is in our thoughts and prayers. With sympathy, Ken and Peg Smith

Peggy Smith - March 07, 2014 at 01:11 PM

MR

We have never met Catharene but have heard stories from Phil and Karen Purdy-Gotto as well as from Peg and Ken Smith. We are very sorry for the loss to the Purdy family and our prayers are with you all. Mark and Marilyn Roberts

mark roberts - March 07, 2014 at 04:44 PM



I was so sorry to hear of Catharene's passing, I think of her often when I am " Scottish Country Dancing " in the Santa Barbara class. I've known Catharene & Bud for many years and my prayers and thoughts are with the family.

Christine Carlin

Christine Carlin - March 08, 2014 at 04:39 PM