



Ms. Diane Marie Riley

September 15, 1953 - September 28, 2013

Riley, Diane Marie

Age 60, passed away peacefully on September 28, 2013 at Serenity House after her struggle with Parkinson's disease. Although the disease was very aggressive in its final stage, her gentleness and devotion to her faith in God was truly an inspiration to family and friends who were with her in her final days.

Diane was born September 15, 1953 in Van Nuys, California and shortly afterwards moved with her family to Santa Barbara where she lived for most of her life. She attended St. Raphael's Elementary School as well as schools in the Santa Barbara Unified School District, graduating from Dos Pueblos High School in 1972. She worked for many years in an administrative role with Joslyn's Electronics Systems in Goleta and generously volunteered her time at Cottage Hospital. During her last year she lived at Central Coast Nursing Center in Santa Barbara where she enjoyed the loving support and friendships with the wonderful staff and residents.

One of Diane's favorite past times was walking on the beach enjoying the radiance of life in Santa Barbara. She was a talented classical pianist from early childhood and continued playing throughout most of her life. She was also a long-time member of St. Raphael's Church serving as a lector and Eucharistic minister and had many friends she adored through the bible study

group. Diane also had many fond memories of family trips to Wisconsin and treasured her relationships with extended relatives.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth Edward Riley and Donna Marie Riley and is survived by her brothers and sister: William Riley of Santa Barbara; Kevin Riley of Roseville, CA; Mary Hughes and her husband Kim Hughes of Nipomo, CA; and Mark Riley of Centennial, CO and his wife Michelle and sons Austin and Duncan Riley.

The Riley family would like to express their appreciation to the staff at Central Coast Nursing Center. Special gratitude is extended to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care of Santa Barbara (512 East Gutierrez Street, Suite A, Santa Barbara, CA 93103) where donations may be made in her memory in lieu of flowers.

Memorial services are scheduled for Saturday, November 9th at 11 AM, St. Raphael's Church, 5444 Hollister Avenue, Santa Barbara. Arrangements by Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapels. Please contact Mary Hughes at 805-619-7340 with any questions.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Raphael Catholic Church
5444 Hollister Ave.
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
<http://www.straphaelsb.com/>