



## Dolores "Dee" Marie Faulding

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In Loving Memory of Dolores "Dee" Marie Faulding

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With heavy hearts, we bid farewell to Dolores "Dee" Marie Faulding, a radiant soul who filled the lives of those around her with love and joy.

Born on August 3, 1935, in Collinsville, Illinois, to Joseph and Marie de Bernardi, Dee moved to Santa Barbara at the age of six, where she would weave a life rich with connection and community. Educated at Dolores School and Catholic High, she later attended Mount St. Mary's College for two years before returning to SB to work as a secretary at Security Pacific Bank. It was in Santa Barbara that she met the love of her life, William Faulding (1932–2024), and in 1958, they were united in marriage at the Old Mission, beginning a partnership filled with unwavering love and shared adventures. Together, they raised two sons, Dwight (Kathy) and Charles Faulding. Dee was a cherished grandmother to five grandchildren—Phillip (Lindsay), Sophia (Mike McDonald), Chrissy, Lexi, and Cassie—and a doting great-grandmother to five great-grandchildren—Teagan, Riley, Bosco, Kolbe and baby Dolores. Her family was her greatest joy, and she nurtured them with boundless affection.

A woman of generous spirit, Dee found joy in serving others. She volunteered tirelessly at her children's schools and was an active member of the Catholic Daughters and the Italian Boot Club. Dee's love for life extended to houseboating, cruises, and weekly card games with dear friends. Known for

her generosity, she was always ready to host a gathering, whether for a lively 4th of July celebration, class reunion, holiday party or family birthday. If she wasn't hosting, she and Bill could be found eating out with friends or competing in a bowling league. Her home was a haven of love, filled with the aroma of her cooking and the sound of her laughter.

Dee's devotion as a wife, mother, and grandmother was unmatched, and her absence leaves an ache that words cannot capture. She will be missed beyond measure, but her love will live on in the countless lives she touched. We draw solace from our faith and humbly request prayers for the repose of Dee's soul.

A Rosary will be offered at Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapels downtown on Saturday October 4th at 7:00 p.m. , and the funeral Mass will be held at St. Raphael Church on Monday October 6th at 10:00 a.m.

Forever in our hearts,

Dolores "Dee" Marie Faulding

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

199 North Hope Ave  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110  
(805) 687-8811  
[http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery\\_id=3](http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery_id=3)

# Previous Events

## Rosary

OCT 4. 7:00 PM (PT)

Welch-Ryce-Haider - Downtown  
15 E. Sola St.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 965-5145  
[info@wrhsb.com](mailto:info@wrhsb.com)  
<https://www.wrhsb.com>

## Funeral Mass

OCT 6. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ I’m sad to hear of Dee’s passing! When I worked at Bishop Diego Snack Bar for 19 years, Dee was always very kind to me and always made me feel special! She was such a great Mom & Grandmother. May she rest in peace with her sweet Husband! ❤️🙏  
Patsy Medel

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**Patsy Medel** - September 28, 2025 at 04:05 PM

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I remember Dee from my student years at Notre Dame Elementary School. I believe she worked with my father, Richard Banuelos, on the PTA. I remember her kindness, smile and laughter. I think we visited her beautiful house several times, she was a wonderful hostess. I am sorry to hear of her passing. Rest in Peace, Dee and have a great time in heaven. - Marissa Banuelos-Tweedy

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**Marissa Tweedy** - October 01, 2025 at 02:22 PM