



## Donna Lee Kiesling

December 15, 1931 - May 7, 2014

Donna Lee Kiesling passed peacefully at her home surrounded by her loved ones on Wednesday May 7th.

Donna was born in Detroit, Michigan on Dec. 15th 1931. She met her husband Patrick Kiesling in high school and married in 1951. They moved to Santa Barbara in 1961 with their three sons. Donna was a homemaker and volunteer at Catholic Charities.

Donna's favorite hobbies were cooking, china painting and telling stories. She had a special place in her heart for children and loved to teach Catechism and Baptismal classes at Holy Cross Church. Everyone she met was an instant friend and most will remember her cheer, spunk and great sense of humor.

Donna leaves behind three sons; Patrick Kiesling Jr. (Kathy), Michael Kiesling and David Kiesling (Tammy); brother Mike Banfill; four grandchildren: Patrick Kiesling III (Julie), Kristin Head (Benjamin), Kelly and Sean; four great-grandchildren: Thomas, Leila, Benjamin and William. She is preceded in death by her husband Patrick Kiesling and brother Jim Banfill.

We would like to thank Dr. Bordofsky, Dr. Greenwald and Hospice for their care and kindness. Special love and thanks to Cousin Bonnie Araluce.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to The Children's program at Holy Cross Church.

Visitation and Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 15 at the Welch-Ryce-Haider Santa Barbara Chapel. Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 16 at Holy Cross Church. Interment to follow at Calvary Cemetery.



# 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

MAY 15. 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

MAY 16. 10:00 AM (PT)

Holy Cross Catholic Church  
1740 Cliff Drive  
Santa Barbara, CA 93109  
(805) 962-0411

# Tribute Wall

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“*Dave, thank you so much for sharing your mom with our family. We were truly honored to have known her. She always made us feel welcome and part of your family. Donna was filled with humor, truthfulness, joy, and kindness. Oh how I'll miss her pot roast! She will be truly missed. All our arms are wrapped around you, always. Love, The Crosslands.*

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**Darrol, Laurie Crossland & Family** - May 15, 2014 at 06:01 PM

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“*Condolences to the Kiesling Family. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May you find comfort in knowing Donna is now in the loving arms of God. We considered her a very special lady.*

*Bob and Millie(Bertuzzi) Montgomery*

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**Bob and Millie Montgomery** - May 14, 2014 at 04:14 PM

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“*Donna and Mom "Kathy" had so much fun together! The laughter never ended. Love Sally Muphy*

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**Sally Gilmour** - May 14, 2014 at 11:45 AM