



Elizabeth Riley Kronen

July 14, 1925 - April 9, 2014

née Elizabeth Marie Riley, died peacefully Tuesday evening April 8th 2014 at sunset. Born in Port Washington, NY July 14, 1925, Beth grew up in Great Neck and then graduated from Vassar College in 1946. She worked in New York City as a model and later in the travel department at Carrier Corporation where she met the adventurous & wonderful love of her life, John "Jack" Kronen. Jack & Beth married in Caracas, Venezuela February 7, 1955 where they started a family - Jack Jr, Ann & Dave. Tom joined the family soon after their move to Mexico City. They eventually settled their young family in Santa Barbara in 1963 where Beth helped Jack with his business as a lumber broker and introduced their children to a wide variety of sports, music lessons, a horse in the backyard, back-packing in the Sierras, ski trips to Mammoth, and many wonderful family camping trips across the western states in the family station wagon. Sailing on the Pachu, picnic dinners with a close circle of friends at Hope Ranch Beach as well as tennis games & bridge games at Birnam Wood Country Club added immeasurably to their lives. Beth was also an active & long time member of the Vassar Club of SB, the Garden Club and the Tick Tapers investment group.

She is pre-deceased by her beloved husband Jack Kronen in 1998, her sister Dorothy Ann O'Reilly in 2010 and survived by her adored brother J. Gregory Riley & his wife Carol of Lloyd's Neck, NY, in addition to her loving children, Jack & his wife Sue of Honolulu, HI, Ann of Malibu, CA, David & his wife Laura, of SB, and Tom & his wife Tammy of SB, & her nieces Pamela Gilbert

of SB, Alix Rosenberg of Sunny Isles, FL, Elizabeth Bressel of Locust Valley, NY & Caitlyn Wardell of New York City and their families. Her joy was the frequent company of her 7 grandchildren - Greg, Steven, John Henry, Elsa, Sam, Claire and Cable and her great niece Alexandra. They embody her lively intelligence, her strong character and her love of life. She will be greatly missed. Her family wishes to thank the wonderful & thoughtful care she received at Casa Dorinda at the end of her journey. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to The Friendship Paddle, 920 Garden Street, Suite A, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 or The Santa Barbara Scholarship Foundation/Casa Dorinda, 2253 Las Positas Rd, Santa Barbara, CA 93105. Memorial Services are at 2:00 PM Friday April 18 at the chapel at the Santa Barbara Cemetery, 901 Channel Drive, SB, CA; immediately followed by a reception at Casa Dorinda's oak-shaded outdoor tea gardens (The Park).

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Cemetery Details

Santa Barbara Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 18. 2:00 PM (PT)

Santa Barbara Cemetery Chapel
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