



## Elizabeth S. Youker

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100 years old, passed away peacefully into the arms of her Heavenly Father on August 18th. She was the fifth of nine children born to Benedikta Svensson Schacht and Herman Schacht in the Midwest in the days of unpaved streets and horse and buggy. She married Claude Youker in 1937, a loving, devoted husband of 52 years, and was the mother of three children, Claudia Elizabeth Taden of Santa Barbara, Suzanne Claar (Lynn) of Colorado and Claude Warren Youker III (Laurie) of Oregon.

Elizabeth devoted her entire life to loving and raising her three children ensuring they received a quality education, Girls Scouts and Boy Scouts, classical ballet lessons, numerous cultural and social experiences as well as travel throughout the United States and the world. She was a beautiful lady in every respect with a kind, gentle soul.

She moved to Santa Barbara in 1986 and was a devoted member of the First United Methodist Church for 25 years. She also gave generously of her time and financial resources to her favorite local charities.

In addition to her three children, she is survived by grandson Troy Claar (Karen) and great grandson Evan Wyatt Claar, age 5, of Albuquerque, New Mexico in addition to dozens of nieces and nephews on both the Schacht and Youker sides of the family.

She will forever be remembered in our hearts.

Private family Christian burial conducted at Santa Barbara cemetery.

Memorial contributions to: Student Tutoring Center, c/o First United Methodist Church, 305 E. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101 or the Santa Barbara Symphony League, c/o Mrs. Lois Duncan, 1008 Bajada Grande, Santa Barbara, CA 93109, or a charity of your choice.