



## Emma L. Jackson

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Emalu Nero was born November 24, 1925, in Houston, Texas, to parents Walter and Jeannette Nero, and was raised in Bottineau, North Dakota. She graduated from Bottineau High School (1943) and then the North Dakota School of Forestry (1945), and the University of Minnesota (1948). She became a registered nurse and was a private nurse and general nurse at General Hospital of Minneapolis and St. Andrews in Bottineau until she entered the Navy Nurse Corps in 1949. Emalu served at Oakland Naval Hospital until she met and married Lt. Donald V. McCloskey in 1951. Emalu and Don raised five children. The family lived at several Marine bases throughout the years, including Bangkok, Thailand. When Don retired from the Marine Corps, the family settled in Don's hometown of Santa Barbara. Emalu (nicknamed "Lou") was a member of the Hadas Madrinas in Santa Barbara (an auxiliary of the Easter Seals Society) and the Pink Ladies of Cottage Hospital. After Don's death in 1977, Emalu was employed by the Santa Barbara Visiting Nurses Association until 1983 and then retired to her cottage at Lake Metigoshe in North Dakota. In the 1990's Emalu remarried and relocated to Mesa, Arizona, and then Ventura, California, in order to be closer to her children in California. Emalu is survived by her five children: Kate Ford, Elizabeth McCloskey, Don McCloskey and his wife Rosa, Bill McCloskey and

his wife Kari, and Caroline Rosen and her husband Rich. She also leaves behind nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, as well as ten nieces and nephews. Emalu was preceded in death by husband Don, her parents, her four brothers Walter, Clark, Mark, and Bill, and second husband John Jackson.

Friends may remember the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care of Santa Barbara <http://www.vnhcsb.org/> and the Good Samaritan Society in Bottineau <http://www.good-sam.com/index.php/locations/bottineau>

Funeral services are as follows:

# Cemetery Details

## Santa Barbara Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Rosary

DEC 5. 3:00 PM (PT)

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

## Funeral Mass

DEC 7. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mrs. McCloskey - Jackson always made my friends and me feel welcome in the McCloskey home and she had a great sense of humor in dealing with a bunch of teenage boys.*

*Warmest regards,*

*Wes Barrow*

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**Wes Barrow** - December 03, 2015 at 11:18 AM