



Faye L. Rossow

November 28, 1938 - September 18, 2011

ROSSOW, Faye Lavonne

Faye was born in Glendale, California, November 28, 1938, to her parents John Francis McCleary, and Blanche Louise (Russell) McCleary. She passed away suddenly September 18, 2011 in Santa Barbara at 72 years if age.

She and her future husband, Merlin, met while juniors in high school, she at Glendale High, and he at Hoover High. They dated four years, and married at the North Glendale Methodist Church, August 29, 1959. They were married 52 fabulous, loving, years.

Two wonderful boys, Robert and Willy, made the family complete.

For seven happy years, the family lived in their first home in Burbank California.

The foursome moved into the Santa Barbara Mountain View School area, December, 30, 1969, and there her radiant, good nature drew a wonderful circle of friends. They knew her by her constant open smile, acceptance, and soft, giving nature.

She was a caring and loving mother to Robert and Willy, and to the boys'

many friends. Her business acumen in finance and real estate was exceptional, as were her homemaking skills.

Together, Faye and Merlin took delight and pleasure in life, traveling together extensively throughout their entire marriage. Faye was deeply and truly loved. She believed she had lived the perfect life.

Her deep Christian faith was constantly evidenced by that beautiful smile, patience, and kindness, bubbly personality, humility, and great love.

Those of us who knew her, grieve, but know she passed quickly and painlessly. Our Faye is now smiling and laughing with her beloved son Robert and her loving God.

Faye is survived by her husband of 52 years, Merlin Rossow, their son Willy Rossow, his wife Mary, and two wonderful granddaughters Julia, and Erin.

A memorial service will be at the First Presbyterian Church, Tuesday October 11 at 2:00 p.m., followed by a celebration of Faye's life at the church.

Tribute Wall

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“ Faye was awesome, really a wonderful person. And solid, like when she let Willy, Robert and I go off and fly a plane to some Honduran ruins. Old school parenting, which was fantastic. Special times for sure and she was an ace, loved her. Miss her.

-Chris Caster

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“ Years ago, Faye and I joined two other friends and formed the "Decadent Tuesday Society." Our only goal was never to meet on a Tuesday! For years we got together and ate lunch, played bridge, giggled together, and shared family stories. I will never forget her amazing sense of humor, her gentleness, and her awesome smile. There's a big hole in the fabric of my memories now, and I will miss her very much.

--Susan Carty, once Susan Jones.

Susan Carty - October 09, 2011 at 04:42 PM