



## Gene Elliott Franzblau

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Gene Franzblau left us all too soon on Friday, March 30, 2012, after discovering less than 6 months ago, that he had cancer.

Gene was born in New York and lived there until age 10 when the family moved to Santa Monica. He attended local schools and Graduated from Cal State Northridge with a degree in Psychology. He worked as a Social Worker in the LA area and soon discovered that he had a different calling in his life. He moved to Santa Barbara in January of 1975 to start a new life and career. He soon met the love of his life, Loretta, and they were married in February of 1977. He went back to school studying to become a Landscape Contractor where his true artistic talent emerged. They spent many wonderful years developing his business, Franzblau Landscapes, which will continue as he wanted, with the help of his family. Along the way, Gene and Loretta had two wonderful children: Nicole and Erik. Last summer, while still healthy, he was blessed to celebrate the marriages of both children. Nicole and Graham (Newlon) were married in June and Erik and Christina in August. These

marriages, and the happiness that they brought, will be a lasting, loving memory for all of us. Gene is also survived by his sister, Susan Franzblau, and many nieces and nephews. We want to thank the wonderful doctors in Santa Barbara who so diligently and lovingly took care of Gene mainly, Dr. Ronald Ungerer and Dr. Gary Van Deventer and the many Doctors at UCLA. A "Celebration of Life" will be held on Thursday, April, 5th, at 2:00 pm, at the First Baptist Church, 949 Veronica Springs Rd., Pastor Jim Firth, of Hope Community Church, officiating. Gene will be missed by so many, but now he's up in Heaven making God's Gardens even more beautiful!!

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 5. 2:00 PM (PT)

First Baptist Church Santa Barbara  
949 Veronica Springs Rd  
Santa Barbara, CA 93105