



George Batzianis

October 13, 1919 - February 27, 2012

BATZIANIS, George

Retired CWO4 George Batzianis passed away on February 27, 2012. He was born in Santa Barbara on October 13, 1919. He attended Wilson Elementary School, La Cumbre Junior High School and graduated from Santa Barbara High School where he played quarterback for the Dons. George then attended Ventura Junior College where he played football and made All Southern California Quarterback. He was drafted into the Army November of 1941 during World War II and spent 4 years as an instructor and then continued on with the Army Reserve for 30 years. George retired from the Santa Barbara City Schools after 25 years. George loved helping people and accomplished that by serving as the State President of the California School Employees Association for 2 years, and presidents of the following: Mended Hearts, Native Sons of the Golden West, Retired Public Employees, and District Director for California School Employees Retiree Unit. George was a world traveler and especially loved visiting Greece which he did many times.

George was predeceased by one grandson, Marc Alexander Batzianis. He leaves his loving wife of 66 years, Elaine; son, James (DeNece); daughters Diane Lusink and Deborah Cota (Anthony), together with 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Visitation will be March 5, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Welch-Ryce-Haider, downtown chapel. Funeral Services will be held on the same day at 1:00 p.m., followed by interment at the Santa Barbara Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Santa Barbara Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 5. 9:00 AM - 1:00 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 Service

MAR 5. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Soldiers and Officers of C Company, 1-207th Aviation Regiment (Hawaii Army National Guard) wish to express our deepest sympathy for the loss of a fellow veteran. Our thoughts and prayers are with our Commander, CPT Neiland Cota, George's grandson, as well as the entire Cota/Batzianis Ohana.*

C Company, 1-207th AVN (HIARNG) - March 03, 2012 at 03:19 AM

DN

“ *The Batzianis family were neighbors of my parents and me on Santa Monica Way throughout my 8 years as a SB resident (1954-62). George's son, James (Jimmy) was part of a group of Santa Monica Way kids who hung out together during elementary school (Washington) and the beginning of junior high school (SBJHS, until I became part of the brand new SMHS in 9th grade). I still recall saying "hi" to George whenever we passed each other on the SMHS campus. My deepest condolences to the Batzianis family.*

*Dennis Nagy
Chapel Hill, NC*

Dennis Nagy - March 02, 2012 at 04:01 PM

PS

“ *Pauline Smith lit a candle in memory of George Batzianis*



Pauline Smith - March 02, 2012 at 02:41 PM

SB

“ Elaine, I'm so sorry for your Loss. I'm glad I got to know him and You. I'll keep George in my Prayers.
Suzi Calderon Bellman



Suzi Calderon Bellman - March 02, 2012 at 01:26 PM

VH

“ I am so sorry Elaine!, Diane and Family I remember him so well when he would come into the office. Please take care!
Victor Huertameza

Victor Huertameza - March 02, 2012 at 12:34 PM

GE

“ Georgeanne Edgar lit a candle in memory of George Batzianis



Georgeanne Edgar - March 02, 2012 at 12:21 PM

GE

I remember him so well when he worked at SMHS. I was in the Class of 1962. 50 years ago! He always had a smile. Dear and blessed man.

Georgeanne Edgar - March 02, 2012 at 12:24 PM