



Gloria Ann Nickerson

January 4, 1951 - September 16, 2012

NICKERSON, Gloria Ann

Gloria Ann Nickerson, beloved partner, friend, sister, and aunt passed away suddenly on September 16, 2012. She will be dearly missed. Gloria was born and raised in Santa Barbara, CA on January 4, 1951. Gloria will be remembered for her sweet, genuine heart, her generosity, her hard work, and all her love she shared with the world. In her younger years, Gloria was a Fashion Model and instructor for La Belle Modeling Agency. After that she began her career in the Restaurant business, starting with the El Paseo and Somerset Restaurants, as well as both the Biltmore Hotel and Fess Parker's and finally to The Chase. She made many friends along the way. It made Gloria very happy to be an Aunt, and was like a Godmother to many others. Gloria is survived by David Ortiz, her partner of 13 years, her brother Ed Nickerson and his wife, Diane and their daughters, Nicole, Kailee, and Leah Nickerson, her sister Mattie and Jim Westphal, her sister Sandra, her brother Dale Nickerson and his wife Denise, brother Homer and wife Sue Howard, was Aunt to 18 nieces and nephews and Great Aunt to 25, and her dear friends Sonia, Cassie, Sherry and Linda.

A viewing will be held at Santa Barbara Cemetery Chapel on Monday, September 24 2012 from 10:30 until 12:30. Services will be held following at 1:00 at the cemetery. An open house and reception will be held at the Chase Restaurant, 1017 State St, from 3:30 to 5:30.

Cemetery Details

Santa Barbara Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Nickerson family...I have found memories of all of you. Your mom and dad were sweet. Your mom helped me when I was a young mother. She babysat my baby and was always so supportive of my efforts to be a good mom. I will always cherish those gifts. Gloria was always sweet and genuine. We shared some good times in our youth. I recently saw her in town and she was so happy. She told me about David and I could see the sparkle in her eyes. She also mentioned her nieces/nephews she loved so much. I will always remember her beautiful smile. The green candle is in memory of her beautiful eyes. I will be visiting her gravesite. As I have a very close boyfriend who passed in the '04 LaConchita mudslide that I visit there regularly, Tony Alvis. I had some wonderful photos of Gloria in the late 60s, but unfortunately I lost all my photos in the '95 La Conchita mudslide. God Bless you all. God is good God is great
Sincerely
Silvia Gutierrez

Silvia Gutierrez - September 26, 2012 at 10:24 PM



“ Silvia Gutierrez lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ann Nickerson



Silvia Gutierrez - September 26, 2012 at 09:54 PM

CR

“ I will miss Gloria's cheery smile at The Chase. She really enjoyed fashion and the "Just a Little Something" clothing store she worked at. The Pearly Gates await you....vaya con Dios!

Cathy Romero - September 25, 2012 at 05:24 PM

DY

“ Gloria was a very special person in the life of our family, as we had our visits at the Chase. Its difficult to remember, as just recently, Gloria and I just happened to meet up at Ralphs in the morning as she had an armful of flowers for the tables at the Chase, and I mentioned to her that my partner of 38 years had just recently passed. Gloria was a special person who brought a special spark of life into our lives.

Darlan Dwight Youpee - September 23, 2012 at 10:25 PM

DO

“ David Ortiz lit a candle in memory of Gloria Ann Nickerson



david ortiz - September 23, 2012 at 12:06 AM

CW

Gloria I will miss you, you were always happy to see and that made me happy and these days it's very to do that to me. I remember being in Mexico City with you and Karl and drinking those tasty bulls. I've known you for over 30 years and I wish I had one more chance to see you smile, it was great spirit lifter. I know your spirit is going to be in a happier place. Go in grace. Love Chris.

Chris Whitcraft - September 23, 2012 at 11:45 PM

LA

*Gloria---thank you for reaching out to me so that we could connect one last time. Go in peace my friend, you are SO very loved...
Laurel Allen*

Laurel Allen - September 24, 2012 at 10:07 PM

EG

“ My deepest condolences to a special family of a very close childhood friend. Gloria was a very dear friend of mine at La Cumbra Jr High. When we were in the 9th grade my parents bought a house in Goleta. I wanted to graduate from La Cumbra so the Nickerson let me live with them till we graduated. Throughout the years we lost contact with each other. Memories are the legacy of love. Effie (Smiach) Garcia

Effie (Smiach) Garcia - September 21, 2012 at 04:59 PM

DO

“ R.I.P. my dear I will always miss you, the joy you brought to my life is eternal. I thank you for all the love you gave me and God bless you for letting me love you. Enjoy heaven, you earned it. Good by my love.....

david ortiz - September 21, 2012 at 04:12 PM

MR

You left way too soon for a new journey...may it be a blessed one....Michele

michele rauch - September 21, 2012 at 09:08 PM

BC

For my dear brother David; I am so sorry for the loss of Gloria. Though I only briefly got to know her, I will remember her quick smile, her happiness and her easygoing personality. I know you will miss her deeply and your grief will be never-ending. . I hope you find some peace and comfort in knowing that your family is always with you. And find happiness that Gloria is resting in God's hands, free of pain, and full of love.

Barbara Collins - September 22, 2012 at 01:17 PM