



## James E. Cota

September 13, 1933 - May 23, 2011

Born on September 13, 1933, and left this earth on May 23, 2011 after a courageous fight with cancer. James was a direct descendant of Lt. Pablo Cota, who was second in command of the first company of Spanish soldiers who established the Santa Barbara Presidio.

Beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend. Jimmy was a long time member of the Knights of Columbus Council 5300, and a member of the Bishop Diego High School Dad's Club. He proudly served in the U.S. Marines from 1953-1956. Jimmy was a delivery driver for most of his career, and through his employment at Channel City Beverage, Tab Distributing, Jordano's and Quest Diagnostics he developed many great relationships with his customers along the way. He loved nothing more than barbecuing a tri-tip on a warm Santa Barbara night with his family and a beer close by.

Jimmy is survived by his wife of forty-nine years, Joan; daughter Theresa Pote; sons Michael Cota (Meredith) and Brian Cota (Fiancée, Michelle Tinsley); and sisters Mildred Cheff and Kathy Cota. He also leaves grand children Caitlin, Alexander, Mitchell and Lauren.

Jimmy is preceded in death by his parents Juan and Elfina Cota, sisters Irene Tuttle, Constance Guevara, Ramona Viles, Gladys Lopez, Terry Kittleson and brothers John, Alvin, Edwin and Fred.

The family wishes to thank the Visiting Nurses and Hospice Care staff at Serenity House, and Dr. Bordofsky for their compassionate care.

Memorial mass will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 4, 2011 at St. Raphael Church. Private graveside services will be held at a later date at Calvary Cemetery, Santa Barbara.

In lieu of flowers, please remember St. Raphael School, Santa Barbara, in memory of James Cota.

In addition to prayers for Jimmy and his family, he would also want you to pray for the Dodgers.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

199 North Hope Ave  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110  
(805) 687-8811  
[http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery\\_id=3](http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery_id=3)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JUN 4. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Raphael Catholic Church  
5444 Hollister Ave.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111  
<http://www.straphaelsb.com/>

# Tribute Wall

WS

“ *Welch-Ryce-Haider Staff lit a candle in memory of James E. Cota* ”



---

**Welch-Ryce-Haider Staff** - June 03, 2011 at 06:50 PM