



Joy E. Heron

April 2, 1927 - February 6, 2015

Joy Ellsworth Heron passed away peacefully at the Samarkand Smith Center in Santa Barbara on February 6, 2015, following a long journey with Alzheimer's. She was born in Akron, Ohio on April 2, 1927 and was the second of three children born to Lloyd and Gertrude Ellsworth.

Joy grew up in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Following graduation from Cuyahoga Falls High School she attended Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio graduating with her teaching credential. Joy taught second and third grade students in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

In June 1949, Joy married William Gebhart. Following the births of their two daughters, the family moved to Santa Barbara in 1957. Shortly thereafter Joy became a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Joy was an active member of the Church for over 45 years teaching children's Sunday School classes and singing in the choir. She was also active in P.E.O. Chapter RO.

Her faith sustained her through the challenges she faced in life including the loss of her home in the 1990 Painted Cave fire and the end of her 43 year marriage. In May 1996, Joy married Harry Heron. Harry passed away December 2011. Joy is survived by her daughters Cynthia (David) D'Alfonso of Gaviota and Judy Gebhart (George Clemens) of Los Angeles; and her grandchildren Danielle and Dennis D'Alfonso. She was predeceased by her

parents, husband Harry, sister Suzanne Hilbish and brother Lee Ellsworth. In accordance with Joy's wishes, there will be no services.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or The First Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara in memory of Joy.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ *Happy Heavenly Birthday Mom. Love you.
Miss you everyday.* ”



Judy Gebhart - April 02 at 08:50 AM

JG

“ *Love you. Miss you Mom.* ”



Judy Gebhart - February 06 at 12:24 PM

JG

“ *Happy Heavenly Birthday Mom. Miss you.
Love you.* ”



Judy Gebhart - April 02, 2025 at 10:30 AM

JG

“ *Ten years ago we said goodbye. The heartache of your loss
remains as does my love for you. Miss you Mom.* ”

Judy Gebhart - February 06, 2025 at 09:50 AM

JG

“ *Judy Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Joy E. Heron*



Judy Gebhart - February 06, 2025 at 09:41 AM

JG

“ *Judy Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Joy E. Heron*



Judy Gebhart - April 02, 2024 at 08:34 AM

JG

“ *Judy Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Joy E. Heron*



Judy Gebhart - February 06, 2024 at 09:16 AM

JG

“ *Judy Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Joy E. Heron*



Judy Gebhart - April 02, 2023 at 09:31 AM

JG

“ *Judy Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Joy E. Heron*



Judy Gebhart - February 06, 2023 at 09:00 AM

JG

“ *Judy Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Joy E. Heron*



Judy Gebhart - April 02, 2022 at 10:14 AM

JG

“ *Judy Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Joy E. Heron*



Judy Gebhart - February 06, 2022 at 11:05 AM

JG

“ *Judy Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Joy E. Heron*



Judy Gebhart - April 02, 2021 at 11:40 AM

JG

“ *Judy Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Joy E. Heron*



Judy Gebhart - February 06, 2021 at 11:25 AM

JG

“ *Judy Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Joy E. Heron*



Judy Gebhart - April 02, 2020 at 11:28 AM

JG

“ *Judy Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Joy E. Heron*



Judy Gebhart - February 06, 2020 at 08:32 PM

JG

“ *Judy Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Joy E. Heron*



Judy Gebhart - April 02, 2019 at 09:51 AM

JG

“ *Judy Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Joy E. Heron*



Judy Gebhart - February 06, 2019 at 10:12 AM

JG

“ *Judy Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Joy E. Heron*



Judy Gebhart - April 02, 2018 at 12:44 PM

JG

“ *Difficult to believe it has been three years since you passed away. Love you Mom and miss you so very much.*



Judy Gebhart - February 06, 2018 at 11:41 AM

JG

“ *Judy Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Joy E. Heron*



Judy Gebhart - April 02, 2017 at 09:35 AM

JG

“ *Judy Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Joy E. Heron*



Judy Gebhart - February 06, 2017 at 02:37 PM

JG

I love you Mom. You are in my thoughts every day. Miss you.

Judy Gebhart - February 06, 2017 at 02:41 PM

JG

“ *Judy Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Joy E. Heron*



Judy Gebhart - April 02, 2016 at 11:05 PM

JG

Happy Birthday Mom. I love you and I miss you so very much.

Judy Gebhart - April 02, 2016 at 11:06 PM

JG

“ *Judy Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Joy E. Heron*



Judy Gebhart - February 06, 2016 at 06:30 PM

JG

“ *Judy Gebhart lit a candle in memory of Joy E. Heron*



Judy Gebhart - April 05, 2015 at 09:24 AM

JG

Happy Easter Sunday and belated Happy Birthday. I love you Mom.

Judy Gebhart - April 02, 2016 at 11:08 PM