



## Lois Carter Gonzalez

October 9, 1928 - May 20, 2014

GONZALEZ, Lois

85, of Santa Barbara passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at 3:25 p.m.. Joe, her loving husband of 68 years, along with her daughter, Janette, were by her side, holding her close when the Lord called her to Him. A devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, aunt and sister, Lois was an inspiration to all who knew her. She was a beautiful example of the type of person we all should try to be: kind, unselfish, compassionate and caring. She always had time to share a cup of coffee and the advice she offered would send each person away feeling better about themselves and the world around them.

Lois was born in a houseboat on the White River, near Olyphant, Arkansas, October 9, 1928. She was the 9th child of Charles and Oma Lou Carter. The family later moved to a 500 acre farm in the same area of Arkansas. Lois loved living on the farm and enjoyed attending school in a one room school house that was a short distance from their farm. She had plenty of brothers and sisters to take care of her, and was close to all of them.

At the age of 14, Lois moved to the Chicago, Illinois area where she worked as a waitress, while attending high school. Shortly after graduating, she met, and fell in love with, a dashing young man by the name of Joe Gonzalez.

Following a simple wedding ceremony at the Cook County courthouse, Joe and Lois lived in Chicago for the next five years. In 1951 they decided to move to the west coast and settle in the beautiful city of Santa Barbara, California. Lois and Joe had four children, Raymond, Linda, Steven and Janette. Lois loved being a housewife and mother, as she watched her children grow up in the beach town atmosphere. Once her children were attending the various local schools, Lois decided to go to work for General Telephone. Her ever friendly voice greeted and assisted endless business and residential customers as she performed her "dial "0" for an operator" duties. Lois enjoyed her employment at GTE and retired after 23 years.

The last living immediate Carter family member, Lois was preceded in death by her father and mother Charles and Oma Lou, sisters Elsie, Dorothy, Dolly, Cathelena, and Edith, along with her brothers Oscar, Roy, Ralph and Lonnie Carter. Lois is also now reunited with her loving children Raymond, Linda and Steven Gonzalez who, along with our Lord Jesus Christ, joyously welcomed her into heaven. In addition to her husband, Joe, and daughter, Janette, Lois is survived by four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family will have a viewing from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 30, 2014 at Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapels located at 15 East Sola Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. The rosary will be said from 3:00 - 3:30 pm in the viewing chapel. A celebration of Lois' life will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 31, 2014, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic church, 21 East Sola Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. A graveside interment service for her ashes will be held on Friday, June 20th at Calvary Cemetary, 199 North Hope Ave, Santa Barbara, CA 93110, at 11:30 a.m..

Flowers can be sent to Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapels (805-965-5145) or in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alpha Resource Center,

4501 Cathedral Oaks Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93111 or through their  
website [www.alphasb.org](http://www.alphasb.org)

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY **30**. 11:00 AM - 4:00 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 Mass

MAY **31**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church  
21 E Sola Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

## Urnside Service

JUN **20**. 11:30 AM (PT)

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)

# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ 12 files added to the album Gonzalez Memories

**Marriage Box**  
Most people get married believing a myth that marriage is a beautiful box full of all the things they have longed for: companionship, intimacy, friendship, etc. The truth is that marriage at the start is an empty box. You must put something in before you can take anything out. There is no love in marriage. Love is in people. And people put love in marriage. There is no romance in marriage. You have to infuse it into your marriage. A couple must learn the art and form the habit of giving, loving, serving, praising, keeping the box full. If you take out more than



Janette Johnson - May 26, 2014 at 10:33 PM

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“ 7 files added to the album Gonzalez Memories



Janette Johnson - May 24, 2014 at 03:47 PM

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*To my dear friend Jeanette Johnson and family. My love and prayers are with you. You are so bless that you had your mom with you for many years. Reflect on the wonderful memories. Know that she is forever with our Lord. Ida Floyd- TX*

ida Floyd - May 27, 2014 at 07:06 AM

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*Janette and Uncle Joe,  
My heart and prayers go to you both and the rest of the family.  
Although are families have not seen eachother in years...it only seems  
like yesterday. That's how vivid the memories of Aunt Lois are to me.  
Seeing her picture brings back a flood of memories. Her laughter and  
her warm smile.  
Huge Hugs and Kisses from all of my family.  
Uncle Joe, Aunt Coleda, Victor and Janet.*

*Love,  
Terry*

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**Terry Belzek Lurgio** - May 27, 2014 at 03:50 PM

LA

*Janette, my condelences on the loss of your mother. I never met her  
but in her picture here she emanates warmth and sweetness. I'm so  
glad that you and everyone were able to share her good and long life. I  
know it's a hard loss, thank goodness we have memories. -Lauretta*

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**lauretta** - May 29, 2014 at 12:08 AM