



Louise F. LaBrant

March 27, 1911 - January 6, 2012

Our truly blessed mother, Louise Silva LaBrant, peacefully passed away on January 6, 2012. She was 100 and lived a long, healthy life, managing to avoid doctors until she broke her femur at the age of 90. Louise was a strong, determined and independent woman, who lived her life to its fullest.

Louise was born on March 27, 1911 in Los Angeles, CA, to Timoteo and Eva Fernandez. She was predeceased by four of her siblings and is survived by her sister Rosie Villa and brother Fidel Diaz. Louise married Israel Silva who predeceased her in 1950. Louise and Israel had seven wonderful children: Sally Carralejo Gusman, Richard Silva, Helen Acosta, Barbara Guillen, Mary Anne Ellenberger, David Silva and Yolanda Evans. She was predeceased by two of her children Mary Anne Ellenberger and David Silva. In the early 1960's she married Mel LaBrant who has since predeceased her. She is survived by 18 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren and 13 great great grandchildren.

She enjoyed The Lawrence Welk Show, the long running weekly musical program that brought "champagne music", into her home each Saturday night during the mid 1960's. She would often host her grandchildren for a sleepover and when the music started she and her grandchildren would dance along with the Lawrence Welk dancers. All the while, she would be wearing her favorite ballet slippers and loaning an extra pair to her granddaughters to wear.

Louise was a very social person who loved to entertain family and friends. Being involved with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, she served on many committees and took part in many of the installations as an officer.

Louise loved to garden from spring to fall. Her yard was her paradise where she enjoyed tending to a variety of flowers, trees, shrubs and vegetables. Her garden was always well manicured and contained one of the richest collections of roses. She knew each rose bush by name and took great pride in their care. She was known to give bulbs

or clippings from her garden to friends and family, and some of those clippings are still thriving today.

Louise loved to be surrounded by her large family. She always appreciated the gift of laughter, which she shared with her family. She loved to play cards and she played to win. She enjoyed cooking and will always be remembered by her family as a generous and thoughtful person, who always made time for others. Louise's relaxed spirit and unbounded cheerfulness will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in her name can be made to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care.

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

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 12. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

KT

“ Hey Beautiful, I miss your smile but know that you're watching over your children, just as you've always done. Thank you for being such a tremendous influence on all of our lives.

Kevin Tuller - January 26, 2012 at 06:00 PM

DS

“ Denise Silva Server lit a candle in memory of Louise F. LaBrant



Denise Silva Server - January 12, 2012 at 10:59 AM

BG

“ My Sweet Mother I will miss you so much sitting in the mornings and having our coffee and a goodie thank you for being you, for showing us how to keep a family close and all the good values sleep tight my mama darling Love you Bobbie

Barbara Guillen - January 12, 2012 at 09:44 AM

TF

“ The Madrigal Family lit a candle in memory of Louise F. LaBrant



The Madrigal Family - January 11, 2012 at 07:42 PM

MA

“ Maxine Apodaca lit a candle in memory of Louise F. LaBrant



maxine apodaca - January 11, 2012 at 04:02 PM

MA

Dear Barbara, Like my mother, Josephine Montoya, Mrs. Silva was blessed with a long and wonderful life. Even after you moved, my mother thought of your mother often and was pleased that I had visited with you and Bob a few months when you were in Cottage Hospital. How blessed we were to have them. My prayers are again with you and your family. God Bless!

maxine apodaca - January 11, 2012 at 04:07 PM

BG

*Thank you Maxine, I'am sorry for your loss, and yes we were blessed to have such wonderful mothers, may they rest in peace. you take care and I will pray you can fight this fight
Love Barbara Guillen*

Barbara Guillen - January 12, 2012 at 09:37 AM

RA

“ Randall Acosta lit a candle in memory of Louise F. LaBrant



Randall Acosta - January 11, 2012 at 01:29 AM

YE

“ The only parent I ever knew and my friend as well.....One can only imagine what she saw with teenagers in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s but she loved us all unconditionally. We were truly blessed to have had her in our lives as long as we did. She spent her last days as she lived; surrounded by those she loved. What a gift we had and now we are offering our gift to the lord. Love you my mamacita.
Yoli (the baby)

Yolanda Louise Silva Evans - January 10, 2012 at 11:28 PM

SA

“ I didnt get to know you very well Nana Licha, but from the times i saw you, you made me smile and happy because of how sweet and kind you were. i will never forget you :)



Steven R. Acosta - January 10, 2012 at 10:19 PM

MC

“ *Mary Caba lit a candle in memory of Louise F. LaBrant*



Mary Caba - January 10, 2012 at 07:46 PM

HC

“ *Hank Carralejo lit a candle in memory of Louise F. LaBrant*



Hank Carralejo - January 10, 2012 at 07:44 PM

PO

“ *Paula Lopez Ochoa lit a candle in memory of Louise F. LaBrant*



Paula Lopez Ochoa - January 10, 2012 at 04:10 PM

LM

“ *LeAnn Carralejo Milian lit a candle in memory of Louise F. LaBrant*



LeAnn Carralejo Milian - January 10, 2012 at 03:19 PM

KW

“ *Karyn Carralejo Wortendyke lit a candle in memory of Louise F. LaBrant*



Karyn Carralejo Wortendyke - January 10, 2012 at 02:21 PM



“ Karen Grand-daughter lit a candle in memory of Louise F. LaBrant



Karen Grand-daughter - January 10, 2012 at 01:29 PM



“ Lori Guillen Tuller lit a candle in memory of Louise F. LaBrant



Lori Guillen Tuller - January 10, 2012 at 01:09 PM



i will miss you tony guillen

tony guillen - January 11, 2012 at 10:01 AM