



Marian F. Robinson

November 24, 1924 - October 23, 2011

ROBINSON, Marian F

We are saddened to announce the passing of Marian F. Robinson on October 23, 2011.

Marian was born to Ernest LeRoy Fergus and Sarah Ruth Winfield on November 24, 1924. Marian grew up in Santa Barbara with her two sisters (deceased) the former Marjorie F. Burke and Evelyn F. Winniford. She attended local schools and graduated from Santa Barbara High School.

Marian later married and had two sons (deceased) Wayne G. Robinson and Kenneth P. Robinson.

She worked for many years at Santa Barbara Research Center in the Aerospace industry as an engineering secretary and later as a division personnel administrator. She retired in 1987.

Marian enjoyed her retirement years with friends and family and especially like to take her dog to Eling's Park for walks and companionship.

She has been a resident of Mission Terrace Convalescent Hospital for the last few years and enjoyed visits from family, friends, and especially her dog Max.

She is survived by her granddaughter, Lorraine Robinson and great-grandson Darren Avalos and other family members.

Services will be held at Santa Barbara Cemetery Chapel on Friday, October 28 at 2pm.

Cemetery Details

Santa Barbara Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

HJ

“ *What a gem. Marian will be missed. One of the common sense rules in the investment business is to keep your opinions about politics and other social matters to yourself until you really got to know the person with whom you are dealing. That rule went right out the proverbial window the very first time I spoke with Marian. She point blank asked me a political question. I listened to my intuition and gave her my candid opinion. So began an 18 year long relationship that began with a business phone call and evolved into a friendship. More often than not our conversations would begin with whatever business issue needed tending and that part of the conversation would last between 5 and 10 minutes. Then the real meat of the conversation would begin... The next 30-40 minutes would be about politics and/or the NBA basketball season if that was in full swing. I would be defending the Lakers and Marian would usually be touting some team that was led by an outspoken, semi-controversial player. My guess is she liked those that were much like herself, passionate and outspoken but also talented and witty. I will miss those conversations. I will also miss our annual holiday luncheons when the two of us would attempt to solve the world's problems, share a few laughs, and enjoy a cocktail or two. My life is better for having known her and I will treasure the memories. God speed Marian!*

Howard Jones - October 28, 2011 at 06:36 PM

BF

“ *I knew Marian in the late 50s when we worked together at Western Design in Goleta. Every week day her two sons would call the switchboard after school to "check in" with their Mom. After a while they hardly had to ask for her because we recognized each other's voices. Such a sweet and fun memory to recall. Marian was a great Mom in the days when "latch-Key" was just beginning!*

Bettye (Beckham) Fue

Bettye Fue - October 27, 2011 at 10:24 AM

JS

“ Liz and I worked at SBRC in the old Beaver Buildings when Marian was working in Human Resources. She was a great mentor to get me through performance appraisals, merit reviews, personnel actions and all the things that you'd like to put off that she could make it look easy to do. While it was still marginally tolerated, a cigarette break at her desk was a welcomed distraction from the panic-du-jour. We also had the chance on occasion to tag along with the Russells for dinner with Marian at Harry's or the Tee Off and extend our friendship for many years. She had a heart of gold and only saw the good side in people. I know she also worked the phone lines on local talk radio shows and did her best to solve the world's problems. It's too bad that the world no longer has that sage advice.

John and Liz Sekula

John Sekula - October 26, 2011 at 06:42 PM

RR

“ Marian was a friend and mentor for almost twenty years at Santa Barbara Research Center (SBRC). She had the ability to handle a multitude of tasks efficiently with an acerbic wit that kept both management and a talented team of engineers from getting too full of themselves. After her retirement, we'd have dinner periodically at Harry's Plaza Café and reminisce about the good/bad old days at SBRC. She always had great stories to tell about SBRC and Santa Barbara history. We'll miss her.

Robert/Irma Russell

Robert Russell - October 26, 2011 at 01:09 PM

SC

“ As a young engineer at SBRC, Marian was our secretary. She kept us all in line with her sharp wit and good sense of humor. She regarded us as semi-literate which was probably true. In those days of no computers and word processors all reports were typed by hand and woe betide any engineer who asked Marian to re-type a report after she had carefully corrected it for misspellings and bad grammar.

Marian was a gem. We had occasional lunches with her after many of us had retired.

*Stillman Chase
Santa Barbara*

Stillman Chase - October 26, 2011 at 11:01 AM



“ *Darren Grant Avalos was added to the Family Tree.*

Lorraine Robinson - October 25, 2011 at 07:44 PM



“ *Lorraine Marie Robinson was added to the Family Tree.*

Lorraine Robinson - October 25, 2011 at 07:38 PM



“ *Wayne Gary Robinson was added to the Family Tree.*

Lorraine Robinson - October 25, 2011 at 07:37 PM



“ *Lorraine Robinson lit a candle in memory of Marian F. Robinson*



Lorraine Robinson - October 25, 2011 at 07:35 PM