



Marie Antoinette Sottosanti

January 19, 1919 - July 18, 2014

Passed away 18 July 2014 in her sleep due to heart failure. Marie (Mary to her family), was born 19 Jan 1919 in Bronx, NY to Sebastian Sottosanti and Letizia Roncorti, the third of four children and only daughter.

The family moved to Teaneck, NJ when she was 5. Prior to graduating from Teaneck High in 1936, she successfully avoided being coaxed into flying in the home-made glider built by her older brothers, Ray and Larry, due to concerns that it might stunt her growth. After graduation, Marie worked for the New York Sun newspaper for a few years prior to moving with her widowed mother to Hollywood in 1940. There, she studied Journalism and Creative Writing at Pasadena City College while working as the Executive Secretary to the Advertising Director of Wilson & Co. Marie accepted a position with Deverough Schools in Goleta and moved with her mother to Santa Barbara in 1958. Marie joined General Motors in 1961 where she was Exec Secretary to the R&D director. Marie considered the Lunar Rover Vehicle development program as the most exciting effort she supported at GM as it allowed her to meet many of the U S Astronauts. She retired in 1981 and really got busy supporting various animal protection projects and volunteering at Cottage Hospital from 1991 thru 2010.

Aunt Mary is survived by three nieces, four nephews and numerous grandnieces and grandnephews.