



## Mary Elizabeth Alvarado

June 24, 1947 - January 26, 2023

Mary Elizabeth Alvarado (Days), 75, went to her heavenly home on January 26, 2023. Mary was born in Santa Barbara, California on June 24, 1947, she is predeceased by her loving her parents Ernest and Elva (Cardoza) Days. Mary lived a full and beautiful life in the Santa Barbara-Goleta area. She attended Harding Elementary School, Dolores School and was a proud graduate of the Bishop Garcia Diego High School class of 1965. She met many of her lifelong and cherished friends while attending local Santa Barbara schools. Mary continued her education attending courses at University of California, Santa Barbara, and Santa Barbara City College.

On July 6, 1968, Mary married the love of her life, Michael Alvarado and celebrated 54 years of marriage. Mary and Michael first met in high school at Bishop Garcia Diego High School. They had two children whom she adored, Alicia Alvarado and David Alvarado.

Mary began a rewarding career as a medical assistance while still attending high school. She started her career working for Dr. Robert McGinnis of Santa Barbara and finished her career with Dr. Melony Parent. After working over 40 years in the medical field she joined her husband in retirement in 2005.

Mary and Michael enjoyed traveling in their travel trailer and having fun camping trips with family and their camping group. Mary had a special relationship with her daughter, Alicia, and they enjoyed several special trips abroad including her family's country of origin, Portugal, and the Azores. Mary loved having her grandchildren, Christian and Israel, spend summer months

with her in Santa Barbara. She enjoyed watching them endlessly play at the beach. Mary found great pleasure in walking. She enjoyed morning solo walks and walking with a close group of friends. One of her most gratifying moments was attending and finishing the first 3-Day Avon Breast Cancer walk from Santa Barbara to Los Angeles. Mary also enjoyed attending aqua aerobics at the local YMCA with her "pool buddies." Mary's greatest joy was spending time with her family and friends and is remembered for her beautiful smile, the light in her eyes, her laughter, and her love for the Lord.

Mary is survived by Michael Alvarado (husband), Janet Moran (sister), Alicia Alvarado (daughter), David Alvarado (son), Christy Alvarado (daughter in law), Christian Alvarado (grandson), and Israel Alvarado (grandson).

Visitation service will be on January 30, 2023, at 3:00 pm to 7 pm at Welch-Ryce-Haider, 450 Ward Drive, Santa Barbara, CA. Funeral service will be on January 31, 2023, at St Raphael Catholic Church, 5444 Hollister Avenue, Santa Barbara, CA. Burial service will follow at Calvary Cemetery, 199 North Hope Avenue, Santa Barbara, CA. There will be a remembrance reception in the Parish Hall behind St Raphael Catholic Church. The reception will be immediately after the funeral for those who will not be attending the burial service. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, [www.bcrf.org](http://www.bcrf.org), an organization deeply supported by Mary Elizabeth Alvarado.

# 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](http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery_id=3)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 30.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Welch-Ryce-Haider - Goleta  
450 Ward Drive  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111  
(805) 965-5145  
[info@wrhsb.com](mailto:info@wrhsb.com)  
<https://www.wrhsb.com>

## Funeral Mass

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

St. Raphael Catholic Church  
5444 Hollister Ave.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111  
<http://www.straphaelsb.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Mary in seventh grade as a new student at Dolores Grammar school, now known as Norte Dame in Santa Barbara Ca. Mary was always a sweet personality and she never changed. She will be missed by her friends of the class of Bishop High. Mary was a sweet and gentle soul. She married her sweetheart Mike whom she dated in high school. God bless this special lady with the sweet smile and gentle way. Beverly Predmore Gose

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**Beverly Gose** - February 09, 2023 at 03:13 PM

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“ My prayers are with you Mike and family. Mary was full of love and compassion for others. In spite of the pain she was feeling she always wanted to do her part at our RV outings together. May she rest in peace. Love and Blessings, Emma Senger

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**Emma Senger** - January 29, 2023 at 06:27 PM