



## Mary Ciampi

September 12, 1922 - November 18, 2012

Passed away peacefully on November 18 surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Brooklyn, NY on September 12, 1922 to Vincenzo Dima and Giovannini Bitonti. She was one of nine children, all of whom have passed before her.

She became a Brooklyn Dodger fan as a child, playing hooky from school to watch them through a hole in the fence at Ebbets Field as often as she could. When they followed her to California she was elated and remained a lifelong avid fan, enjoying the trips to Dodger Stadium with her kids, grand kids, and great grand kids. She taught us all how to love baseball, especially her Dodgers, and for that we are grateful. GO DODGERS!!

She joined the Army at the end of World War II eager to become a nurse. While stationed in Wyoming she met her future husband, the father of her three children. They settled down in Santa Barbara to raise their family. Mary was employed by the County of Santa Barbara, working primarily at the old County Hospital and remained in the nursing field for almost 30 years.

In 1970 she met her husband, Tony Ciampi, who was a long time Santa Barbara farmer. She loved delivering fresh produce to all the local grocery and specialty stores, often with her grandkids in tow to help manage the boxes.

She was a loving, caring, generous woman who loved nothing more than spending time with her family and doting on her grandkids.

Mary is predeceased by her husband and father of her three children, Ken Brigance, her husband Tony Ciampi, grandson Michael Alston and her beloved little grandson Joey Graybill.

She leaves behind her children Jeanne (Candy) Graybill (Jim), Ken Ashley (Kate) and Susan Brigance (Danny Dominguez), step-son Elliott Ciampi, seven grandchildren James Graybill, Jennifer Tieso (Joe), Jeffrey Graybill (Melanie), Jessica Graybill, Joseph Dominguez, Robert Dominguez, and Michael Dominguez, and seven great grandchildren Keani Quia- Dominguez, Kanoelani Quia-Dominguez, Angel Dominguez, Nicolas Dominguez, Daniel DiLoreto Dominguez, Gina Tieso, Taylor Tieso, Jordan Graybill and many nieces and nephews.

As Mary wished, private services for her immediate family were held Friday November 30 with burial at Calvary Cemetery. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the Assisted Hospice crew, especially Sam and Kitty and of course, Jeanine. Also special thanks to Brian Wilson, PT, who tried so hard to help her get her "mojo" back.

Mary Ciampi, to all those who knew her, was touched with a unique spirit and zeal. She will be remembered with admiration for her unwavering love and generosity.

Arrangements entrusted to Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapels. To leave on line condolences please visit [www.wrhsb.com](http://www.wrhsb.com)

# Tribute Wall


JB

“ *To Ciampi Family: Thank you for your kind acknowledgement in Mrs. Ciampi's obituary printed in Santa Barbara-News Press. It was with pleasure that I could serve Mrs. Mary Ciampi and family. I know this holiday will feel 'different' to you without Mary's presence, but she is with you in your hearts and memories.*

*Peace To You, Jeanine Brooks, Registered Nurse with Assisted Healthcare Services December 15, 2012*

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**Jeanine Brooks** - December 15, 2012 at 10:54 PM

 Kate Ashley

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**Kate Ashley** - December 08, 2012 at 03:26 PM



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December 07, 2012 at 11:31 PM

JC

“ *I was so sadden to read of Mary's passing.  
My most sincere sympathy to her family.*



*I met Mary in 1960's where we were employed at County General Hospital. She was pretty energetic, petite, and always had a kind word and big smile for all. Like Geoff Williams wrote her voice was unique and her laughter infectious. Mary was an excellent nurse who gave her patients wonderful care. She was a favorite of not only her patients but her coworkers and staff. We who knew her often wondered and admired how she managed to do all that she did, working full time while managing all things necessary in caring for her family needs; and Mary never ever complained.*

*My favorite memory of Mary is seeing her happily dancing at Tony and her wedding reception. My last memory was seeing her at Cody's and talking and laughing over old times.*

*She was indeed a magnificent lady and will be missed but remembered by many.*

*Janice Chase*

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**Janice Chase** - December 06, 2012 at 09:19 PM

GW

“ Dear Ken,  
*I am thinking of you and your sisters and all those years ago when we walked home from La Colina, checked in with your mom up stairs, and then hung out in your room for an hour or so. (Converted from the former garage I think) I can still hear your mom laugh. It was gravely and robust. It was easy to see where the humor in the family came from. It always made me smile to hear her talk to you with that teasing manner you both had. Say hello to your sisters for me.*  
*Geoff Williams*

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**Geoffrey Williams** - December 04, 2012 at 04:27 PM

LS

*Though I met my Aunt Mary many years ago she has always been in my thoughts. She was so beautiful and I wanted so bad to visit her in California but I never got the chance. We lost contact for a lot of years and through Facebook I had the pleasure of speaking to my Aunt for the first time in years. I am so happy we had the chance to reconnect thanks to as she would say modern technology. Aunt Mary will always have that special place in my heart and she will be missed dearly. May she rest in peace.*  
*All my Love,*  
*Linda*

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**Linda A. Stoeckert** - December 08, 2012 at 12:45 AM

SB

*Thank you for sharing your wonderful memories of our Mom. She will be in our hearts forever.*

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**Suzy Brigance** - March 22, 2013 at 02:26 AM

SB

*Geoff, thank you for such a sweet remembrance of our Mom. Gosh.....so, so many years ago. I remember you well.*

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**Suzy Brigance** - March 22, 2013 at 02:31 AM