



Mary Sue Margaret Pouliot

December 23, 1932 - July 7, 2016

POULIOT, Mary Sue

Mary Sue passed away peacefully on the evening of July 7, 2016, at the age of 83 while surrounded by loved ones at Serenity House in Santa Barbara, California. Born on December 23, 1932 in Moberly, Missouri, Mary Sue was the only child of Lawrence and Nina Fleming.

Raised in Escanaba, Michigan, Mary Sue was an academic with a penchant for both the spoken and written word. In 1951, she graduated with honors from Escanaba High School, where she was the assistant editor of *The Escanaban*, a member of the National Honor Society, and was the Peninsula high school debate champion.

Mary Sue was a proud alumna of the University of Michigan from where she received a four - year academic scholarship. Before graduating in 1955 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, she was the vice president of Zeta Phi Eta--the university's honorary school of speech sorority--the vice president of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, and the casting director of U-M TV.

She began her career in Chicago as the talent counselor at Talent Inc, a leading agency of its time, and worked alongside TV and radio hopefuls such as Rock Hudson, and many other top talents of the era. Upon her return to Escanaba in 1958 for her new role at the Daily Press Radio Station, WLST, she met the love of her life,

Donald Pouliot. The two would soon marry on August 22, 1959 and eventually make their way to Santa Barbara, where they raised their four children, Douglas, Stuart, Lynne, and Matthew.

Mary Sue would continue to work until the final months of her life as the marketing director of The Towbes Group. Our family would like to express great thanks to The Towbes Group and those who surrounded her for not only allowing her the opportunity to express her creativity but to also fulfill her passion as a respected individual who made a difference in her community for more than 30 years.

Remembered as a woman of great tenacity and ambition, she leaves behind her husband of 56 years, Donald, her children, Douglas (Elizabeth), Stuart, Lynne (Chip), Matthew (Mary), and her five grandchildren Megan, Lauren, Chase, Brock, and Katie.

A rosary will be held on Wednesday, July 13, at 7pm at Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapel in Goleta. A funeral mass will be held on Thursday, July 14, at 10am at Saint Rafael's Catholic Church with a reception to follow the La Cumbre Country Club. Please note, private country club attire is required and does not permit denim of any color.

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

Rosary

JUL 13. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (PT)

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

Funeral Mass

JUL 14. 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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“ *Condolences to Mary Sue's family and friends, from her extended family in Missouri. We enjoyed her company when she visited her Aunt "Pensie" Marie (our grandmother). She was always very fun and interesting to talk with, and she was very much a class act.*

Tom & Teresa Turley - July 13, 2016 at 04:37 PM

SJ

“ *I met Sue hwen the kids were in attendance at Fairview, GV Junior High and Dos Pueblos. We had good times watching the kids grow up and some of them staying friends fo the 40 years. My daughters Stephanie and Allyson are both in touch with the Pouliots. I saw Sue the last time at Wilson Printing. She waqs a class lady and I will miss knowing her influece is ongoing.*

Steve Jones

Steve Jones - July 12, 2016 at 05:43 PM

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“ Sue, Don, craig & I were close Friends, Back in the day in Milwaukee--Before The Pouliots were Transferred To Santa barbara with delco---Our Memories ARE too many to share, but Suffice it to say--THEY were all full of LAUGHTER!!-Many CHILLY memoral day parties -{very chilly in WI. in may!!}_ Sue & I harnessing her 2 older boys, Doug & Stuart, & our 2, craig & brent, together , as we shopped at a BRANd new mall, in Milwaukee-many other Moms applauded us--Severl folks "scolded" us--But, HEY--It kept Our little men together with US MOMS-rather than losing one of them!!-Packer parties galore at each others Homes--Through the recent years we hadnt been in touch--as Frequently---BUT the memories of the" Old "days Remain Fresh in My mind!!-God bless you , sue, & all the Family! -Gail & craig

Gail Maxwell - July 12, 2016 at 09:10 AM

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She was a great lady and I learned a lot of tricks of her trade from her thank you Mary Sue RIP.

vernon cyrus - July 12, 2016 at 01:23 PM