



Mary H Toth

August 31, 1915 - September 10, 2012

TOTH, Mary H.

Passed on September 10, 2012, in the company of her loving family. She was 97.

Born in Masera, Italy, on August 31, 1915, Mary came to America and California in 1930 to be with her father, Giuseppe Toma, a local stonemason. She attended Santa Barbara High School, and, in 1945, married Francis Toth, a career army man from Allentown, Pennsylvania. After the war, Mary and Frank opened Toth's Wardrobe Service, a dry cleaning and alteration business, thus beginning Mary's long connection with the retail garment business. Mary and Frank had one child, Virginia, in 1946. After Frank was recalled to active duty in 1950, the family moved to Germany where they resided for 5 years. Returning to Santa Barbara, Mary worked as a seamstress at Silverwood's men's store and then for Lou Rose women's fashions, where she remained for thirty-five years until she retired.

Mary was active in The Sons of Italy, an Italian-American social and service club; she served in various offices and attended conventions for almost 60 years. She was very proud of her service as an election volunteer; she worked a polling place in every election for forty years. Mary loved to travel. She and her sister made many trips to Italy, the rest of Europe and the Near East. Most

of all Mary loved and appreciated her family for whom she was a joy and inspiration.

Mary leaves behind her sister, Ernestine Toma, her daughter Ginny Petrini and her husband Jerry, and two grandchildren, Yvonne De Leon and Gregory De Leon.

The rosary will be recited for Mary on Sunday, September 16, at 7:00 pm at Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapel, Sola at State. The Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Barbara's Parish at the Old Mission on Monday, September 17 at 10 am.

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation to Hospice, the Palliative Care Service, and the nurses and doctors of Cottage Hospital and Sansum Clinic who were so understanding and supportive during Mary's final illness.

Previous Events

Rosary

SEP **16.** 7:00 PM (PT)

Welch-Ryce-Haider - Downtown
15 E. Sola St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 965-5145
info@wrhsb.com
<https://www.wrhsb.com>

Funeral Mass

SEP **17.** 10:00 AM (PT)

Saint Barbara Parish at the Old Mission
2201 Laguna St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
(805) 682-4151
<http://www.saintbarbaraparish.org/>