



Max Eugene Henderson

May 14, 1924 - September 30, 2017

Max E. Henderson passed away Saturday September 30th, 2017 surrounded by his loving family. Celebratory Mass will be held Saturday October 7th at 10am at St. Raphael's Church, 5444 Hollister Ave, Santa Barbara.

Max was born on May 14, 1924 in Harveyville, Kansas. He grew up on a farm with his parents Jesse and Lillian and his sister Evelyn.

He enlisted at age 19 in the US Air Force during WWII. He achieved the ranking of First Lieutenant. He honorably served as pilot of the B29 Superfortress. As pilot he supervised smooth operation of a crew of ten. He was awarded distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with two clusters.

After the war, he settled in California and met Frances Senftner and together had four children. He enjoyed a long career with Sears and Roebuck as department manager; opening the SB La Cumbre store. He enjoyed retired life in Santa Barbara.

His wife, Frances became ill and he cared for her till her death in 1987.

At Santa Barbara YMCA he met Vera Mae Williams. They married and two beautiful families became one. Vera and Max spent a lot of time traveling including many reunions of the 19th Bombardment Association 93rd Squadron

Group in locations throughout the United States.

He has been active in the Elks of Santa Barbara, Knights of Columbus, and as a volunteer for the Braille Institute. He was a master craftsman with wood. He loved to read, cultivate roses, and enjoy nature.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Ilene Marie. He is survived by his wife Vera and children, Carol Ann, (John), Susan (James), Gary (Diana) and many Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. His joy was his family.

He was an exceptional man and a role model to many. He will be missed dearly.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to Food from the Heart or SB Rescue Mission.

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

Funeral Mass

OCT 7. 10:00 AM (PT)

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