



## Norine Catherine Petroni

September 20, 1942 - February 1, 2025

Norine Petroni passed away surrounded by family on Saturday, February 1, 2025, in Santa

Barbara, CA, following an extended battle with Parkinson's disease. She was 82 years old.

Norine, aka "Nonna," is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Frank Petroni, and their two

children: Julie Sorenson (spouse Greg) and David Petroni (spouse Julie).

Norine's kindness,

quick wit, and inner beauty lives on in her four granddaughters, Avery and Kyelee Sorenson and

Emily and Megan Petroni. Norine's family was her north star, and her family will miss her greatly.

Norine began her life in Los Banos, CA, as the only child to Americo and Lucy Marciochi (a

dairyman and homemaker, respectively). She grew up in a simple farmhouse where she

enjoyed the spoils of a traditional Italian upbringing which included remarkable food and

extended family time – particularly, around the holidays. She was a standout in the classroom

with a passion to learn and try new things, most notably the marimba. Her first time away from

home was to attend San Jose State University. As a freshman in 1960, she was the only female member of the San Jose State Marching Band. It is here that she met her lifelong husband and soulmate, Frank.

Norine and Frank were married in 1964 and had their first home together in Morgan Hill, CA.

While Frank pursued a career as a hospital pharmacist, Norine held various full- and part-time jobs doing bookkeeping and secretarial work. Her true joy, of course, was raising their two children and the endless volunteering and school support activities therein. She did manage to tap into her creative side briefly by participating in community theater, but her superpower was cooking and entertaining.

Norine, Frank, and their children moved to the Central Coast (San Luis Obispo and ultimately, Atascadero) in 1977. SLO became Norine's 'happy place.' It is here that she built lifelong

friendships and participated in countless local causes (Beta Sigma Phi sorority, the Red Hat

Society, and with Frank, Atascadero Newcomers and ushers at Cal Poly's Performing Art

Center). Norine held various positions at San Luis Obispo Unified School District, including

Career Technician at San Luis Obispo High School. Norine and several of her dearest friends

became notorious for their pre-Uber era kid delivery services: carting Impala-full loads of

children to various basketball, tennis, dance, and soccer events. Her

boundless smile and 'sure

I'll help' kindness will be missed dearly.

Nothing mattered more to Norine than family. Prior to her illness, she had a near perfect

attendance at the milestone events of her grandchildren. Her relationship with Frank, particularly

amidst her struggles with Parkinson's, was an inspiration. While they were blessed with the

opportunity to travel extensively (loving new sites, cruises with family and friends, and time in

the mountains) they ultimately seemed at their best when they were surrounded by family. The

entire family is so appreciative of Frank's unselfish care of Norine in her final years.

A funeral mass for Norine will be held at 10 am on March 15, 2025, at St. Raphael's Church,

5444 Hollister Avenue in Santa Barbara, CA. In her honor, the family asks that in lieu of flowers

you consider supporting the Parkinson Association Santa Barbara (<https://www.mypasb.org/home>)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

MAR 15. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Raphael Catholic Church

5444 Hollister Ave.

Santa Barbara, CA 93111

<http://www.straphaelsb.com/>