



## Olga Harriet Cockel

July 30, 1929 - July 4, 2024

Olga Harriet Cockel (née Heitner, formerly Whiting) went to her joyfully anticipated eternal heaven of peace and rest after many years of struggling through heart disease and diabetes.

Olga was born on a farm in Fort Dodge, Iowa on July 30, 1929. She was 1 of 11 children, 3 of whom survive. She graduated from St. Paul Lutheran School and Fort Dodge High School.

She came to California in 1949, and lived in Arcadia before moving with her husband Ray Cockel to Santa Barbara. She enjoyed shopping for kooky clothes at the thrift store, cooking Mexican food and other Midwestern concoctions, entertaining, visiting Lotus Land, and dressing up for Old Spanish Days Fiesta Week. She loved God, her family, her church, Santa Barbara, and hats. She was the happiest when all of her family was together, and she was very proud of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She is survived by her loving husband Ray, sons Jeff (Betty), Dwight (Mary), and David (Cathy), 7 grandchildren (Paul (Gloria), Alexa (Devin), Anne, Cameron, Martha (Brian), Bradley, Mary) and 3—and soon to be 5—great grandchildren (Elisa, David, Audra), daughter-in-law Carey Carpenter, and many nieces and nephews.

Private family services. Interment at Santa Barbara Cemetery. Memorials can

be sent to Samaritan's Purse.

Olga's favorite Bible passage is Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restoreth my soul, He guides me into His path of righteousness for His own sake. Even though I walk through the Valley of Death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me. Your rod and staff, they comfort me. You prepare a place for me in the presence of my enemies, you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow all the days of my life and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever."

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have fond memories of my Aunt Olga, she and family used to come back to Iowa to visit when I was a young child. I remember she was always a very pleasant person. Rest in peace Aunt Olga, Love you, Have a wonderful time in Heaven with Aunt Ruth and my mother Dorothy.

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**David Hankel** - July 10, 2024 at 07:43 PM