



Pearl "Penny" Courson

September 14, 1923 - July 11, 2014

Passed away peacefully Friday July 11, 2014 at her home in Santa Barbara, CA after a long battle with cancer at the age of 90.

Born September 14, 1923 in Chicago, IL, Penny was the daughter of the late Paul Schmidt of Vienna, Austria and the late Margaret Jarvis Schmidt of Illinois.

She is survived by her daughter Judith Courson Burton, granddaughter Emily Burton and husband Chris McGillin, grandson James Burton and wife Deja Rabb Burton, and her great grandchildren Everett, Simone, and Colette. She was preceded in death by her daughter Pamela Courson Morrison and husband Columbus "Corky" Courson.

A child of the depression Penny overcame tough circumstances. After she married Corky they traveled the world. She was a connoisseur of the arts and worked as an interior designer. She was a homemaker and great cook who loved to entertain for family and friends. Penny was a staunch liberal with a feisty personality.

She loved her Bichon Frisé Lola and her dearest friend Jaime Camargo, who cared for her and her husband when they took ill.

Penny's ashes will be interred next to the love of her life, her husband of 64 years. Memorial services will take place at the Santa Barbara Cemetery chapel on August 16th at 1pm.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Jim Morrison Film Award at UCLA or The Santa Barbara Hospice, which was very helpful in her last days.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **16**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Santa Barbara Cemetery Chapel
901 Channel Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93108
(805) 969-3231

Tribute Wall



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“ *In loving memory of a lady I considered my friend. Condolences to Mrs Courson's family. She had a big heart and a firey spirit. She loved her family with all her soul and endured many tragic losses with grace and strength. She helped me continue Pam's dream of preserving Jim's poetry. She reached out to the people that loved her daughter and her soul mate. She is with Mr Corky and Pam now. She is at peace. Love always, Vanessa Kerwath, Founder/President of The Jim Morrison Society.*



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