



## Richard Thomas Tozer

September 19, 1926 - May 22, 2013

Richard Thomas Tozer was born September 19, 1926 in North Hollywood.

He served in the Navy (submarines) in World War II.

In 1951 he joined the Glendale Police Department. He retired as Captain Tozer in 1980. He and Barbara, his wife of 39 years, moved to Mammoth Lakes where they owned a real estate and reservation business before coming to Santa Barbara in 1981.

He was called to heaven on May 22, having suffered with leukemia for 15 months. He is survived by his devoted wife, Barbara, and their blended family of six children, 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Sons: Rick (Elaine), Bill and Michael. Daughters: Joy (John), Susann (Randy), Lynn (Rick). Grandchildren: Matthew (Michelle), Janelle (Scott), Carly (Scott), Valerie, Kayla (Michael), Shea, Randy, Tess, Brynn, Sierra, William and Trena. Great-grandchildren: Joshua, Evan, Audrey, Shondra, Kimberly, Hannah, Graham, and George Anna.

Dick and his wife loved cruising the world (38 cruises). He was called the "Fred Astaire" of the high seas. Ballroom dancing was their hobby, as well as skiing and fishing.

Celebration memorial service will be held on May 29, at 11 A.M. at Santa Barbara Community Church. All are invited to a luncheon after the service. Family asks that in lieu of flowers that donations be made to Hospice and Visiting Nurses at Serenity House.

Arrangements by Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapels. To leave online condolences and memories, visit [www.wrhsb.com](http://www.wrhsb.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Santa Barbara Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

**MAY 29.** 11:00 AM (PT)

Santa Barbara Community Church  
1002 Cieneguitas Road  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110  
(805) 687-7797  
<http://www.sbcommunity.org/>

## Graveside Service

**MAY 30.** 10:00 AM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our condolences to Barbara and all of Richard's family, friends and loved ones. You are in our thoughts and prayers that God will give you peace, comfort you In your sorrow and loss, and heal your broken hearts. We are grateful for Richard's service to our country in the U.S. Submarine Service during WWII. To our "Brother of the Phin" ... 'Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. May you rest in peace and may God bless your loved ones who remain. Thank you for your service to our country during WWII." -- Rev. Ray Fritz, National Chaplain United States Submarine Veterans, USSVI.

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**Chaplain Ray Fritz** - June 03, 2013 at 08:28 AM