



Robert Schneider Woodward

March 24, 1930 - August 19, 2014

WOODWARD, Robert "Robbie" S.

Robert (Robbie) Schneider Woodward passed away peacefully on August 19, 2014 at the age of 84, surrounded by his family and his beloved dog Oscar at Serenity House in Santa Barbara.

Robbie was a proud eighth generation Californian. He loved to regale friends with fascinating stories of old Los Angeles, where he was born and raised. His mother, Camilla Schneider Woodward, was a Californian of early Spanish and French descent. Her father was a partner in J.W. Robinson's Co. Robbie's father, Tyler F. Woodward, also a native Californian, founded Southern Calif. Petroleum Corp. and Camay Drilling Co.

A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, where he met his wife Brenda, Robbie served for two years in the U.S. Army, stationed in Sasebo, Japan, doing intelligence work. Following that, he worked for Southern California Petroleum Corp. for two years, partly in Texas. Moving back to Los Angeles, he pursued a career in interior decorating at the behest of a family friend who believed in his innate talent. That first client gave him the opportunity for his decorating ideas to materialize and it was met with great success. He had found his passion and flourished.

His talents produced perfection in a room, putting a modern spin on the classic and cleverly using space and color with exuberance, often spiked with humor. Flowers were ever present. Robbie made the world a more beautiful place to live than it could ever have been without him. He loved people and will be remembered best for his wonderful, quick wit and charming sense of humor.

He is survived by his son, Brendan Brady (Woody) Woodward; his daughter Camilla LaMer, formerly Victoria Camilla Woodward DeLoreto; his granddaughter Caroline DeLoreto Taft; his grandson Robert James (R.J.) DeLoreto and a great-granddaughter Lilianna DeLoreto, and his brother Paul S. Woodward. His wife, Brenda Brady Woodward predeceased him, as did his brother, Tyler F. Woodward.

Robbie was very appreciative of all the love and support given by his family and friends. Donations may be made in his honor to Serenity House (Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care or VNHC) at 509 E. Montecito Street, Santa Barbara, 93103, to whom we are very grateful for his peaceful last days.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, September 5th at 11:30am at St. Barbara Parish at the Old Mission.

Cemetery Details

Santa Barbara Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

SEP 5. 11:30 AM (PT)

Saint Barbara Parish at the Old Mission
2201 Laguna St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
(805) 682-4151
<http://www.saintbarbaraparish.org/>