



## Rosalie Rayburn Sizer

June 9, 1917 - August 5, 2012

On Sunday, August 5th, Rosalie Rayburn Sizer went to be with her Lord after a serious stroke. She was born on June 9, 1917, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to David C. Rayburn, a newspaper pressman, and Elizabeth Deuel Rayburn, a homemaker. It was in Council Bluffs that she met Wesley Sizer. Wesley and his family moved to California in 1937. In 1938, Rosalie came to Santa Barbara and married Wes at Calvary Baptist Church. Rosalie was very dedicated to her husband and children and eventually to grandchildren and great grandchildren. Throughout her life she was very active in her church, serving in many capacities, both official and informal. Children's choir pianist, Sunday School teacher and superintendent, deaconess, Pioneer Girls leader, and librarian were among her volunteer activities at the church. She cared greatly for the people around her and did what she could to help and encourage them.

After Wes's passing in 2005, she moved to the Vista del Monte retirement community and made many more friends. She volunteered to help in the VdM store and eventually became the manager. She was on her way to the store when she suffered the stroke.

She loved her Lord dearly and desired that each family member would follow Him closely. She is survived by her children, Judith Boesler and Elizabeth Freet of Santa Barbara, Richard Sizer of Sacramento, David Sizer of Tustin, 10 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at Calvary Baptist Church on Friday, August 10 at 2:00pm. The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be designated for the library at Calvary Baptist Church.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 10. 2:00 PM (PT)

Calvary Baptist Church  
736 W. Islay St.  
Santa Barbara, CA

# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ Dear family of our dear friend, Rosalie,

*Don and I are so sorry that we cannot attend the memorial service today, yet you will all be in our thoughts and prayers at this time when others gather to pay tribute to your wonderful mom, grandma, great grandma, etc.*

*Our daughter Barbie just had her third baby boy so this was the week to spend helping out at their home in No. Calif - took the train up on Sunday and will return Saturday night.*

*I enjoyed Helen & Merlyn's comment that Rosalie died with her boots on - how true! She was a real trooper in every respect.*

*Love in Christ - Dorothy & Don Jones*

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**Don & Dorothy Jones** - August 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

MC

“Helen and I extend our sincere condolences to Rosalie's family. Rosalie and Wes were mentors to us and to so many people at Calvary as they served the Lord in so many capacities. They welcomed us at Calvary way back in July 1965 and made sure we were soon actively involved, too. A couple recent events come to mind regarding Rosalie. She determined that a tree should be planted in commemoration of the church's 75th anniversary, not just any tree, but one that met her specifications. She picked out the tree and led its dedication. Until recently she let me know that she didn't want any trimming of the lower branches. The new library was so important to her. She expended much effort gathering boxes, making sure they were delivered and then directed moving the books. This was just a few weeks ago. Rosalie and Wes certainly used the Iowa work ethic and leadership skills all their lives in serving the Lord and His people. As could be expected, Rosalie died with her boots on. The family can be very proud of their mother, grandmother and great grandmother. We are. Merlyn and Helen Cummings

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Merlyn and Helen Cummings - August 09, 2012 at 12:09 PM