



## Ruth R. Berry

February 8, 1926 - August 4, 2018

Ruth Rosalie Berry, loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away on August 4, 2018, surrounded by her family and loved ones. She was 92 years old.

Ruth was born to Alois and Marie Strehle on February 8, 1926 in Pasadena, California, where she was raised alongside her brother and sister, Arthur Strehle and Helen Macrory.

In her youth, Ruth married Clifford W. Berry, with whom she spent more than 40 years in Santa Barbara County, raising their children and running the family business, C.W. Berry Construction, for which Ruth was the bookkeeper. Upon retiring, they travelled the country in their condor motorhome, frequently visiting Montana and Oregon, where they passed the days fishing and canning preserves. Clifford passed away in 1988.

Ruth was a devout and compassionate person, who for many years worked with the Church of the Open Bible in Santa Barbara to serve others in the community. She was also an exceptional cook, always ready to prepare meals for large church functions and family gatherings. Whether she was living in Montecito or in Santa Barbara, family and friends could count on her for a delicious meal, cooking advice, and household and laundry tips. At home, she was the master of her domain. No one could get their laundry whiter than Ruth

Berry.

Ruth loved cats, dogs, knitting and needle point, but what she loved most of all was her family. Throughout her life, her doors remained open to relatives, and she could always be counted on to be there when people needed help the most.

Her dearest friend was Jessie "Totsy" Best. Jessie was Ruth's confidante, advisor and travelling companion. One of the highlights of Ruth's life was when she and Totsy travelled to Egypt.

For the last eight years, Ruth lived in Ventura, California, so she could be closer to her family, but she always considered Santa Barbara to be her true home. In her final hours, along with visiting family, Ruth also felt especially blessed to have Totsy by her side.

Ruth is survived by her children Sandra Sutton (Payson, AZ), Barbara Ledbetter, Troy Berry (Reno, NV), Mary Iniestra (Ventura, CA), Michael Berry (Reno, NV), 21 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren.

Service will be held at the Santa Barbara Cemetery, 901 Channel Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93108 at 1:00pm August 17th, 2018.

We can never repay Ruth Berry for all that she has given to her family and friends, but we will carry her memory in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made out to The Braille Institute.

Viewing Welch-Ryce-Haider - 15 E. Sola St. Santa Barbara, CA 93101 8/16,

2018 from 4:00pm-8:00pm

Celebration of Life to follow service at the Bonaventure Senior Living 10949  
Telegraph Rd, Ventura, CA 93004

# Cemetery Details

## Santa Barbara Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**AUG 16.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Welch-Ryce-Haider - Downtown  
15 E. Sola St.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 965-5145  
info@wrhsb.com  
<https://www.wrhsb.com>

## Funeral Service

**AUG 17.** 1:00 PM (PT)

Santa Barbara Cemetery Chapel  
901 Channel Dr.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

# Tribute Wall

 Laurie  
Jefferson

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**Laurie Jefferson** - August 16, 2018 at 03:48 PM

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“ I am great full to have known Cliff and Ruth, I enjoyed many of here awesome Sunday night meals at their home in Santa Barbara. They would share great stories of their travels and experiences in Montana. When I was young and trying get started in life with their granddaughter Sherri Pino Sinclair both Ruth and Cliff gave us much love kindness and support. Additionally Ruth was always their for Sherri and I's children and grandchildren. Ruth leaves a beautiful legacy of kindness unconditional love and service. Thank you Ruth for all you provided to myself and my family, you will be missed deeply by all in my family and your loving spirit and fond memories will live on in our hearts. God Bless, Rest In Peace, Deepest sympathy to Ruth's Loved ones and family. Nicholas

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**Nicholas Sinclair** - August 12, 2018 at 09:50 AM



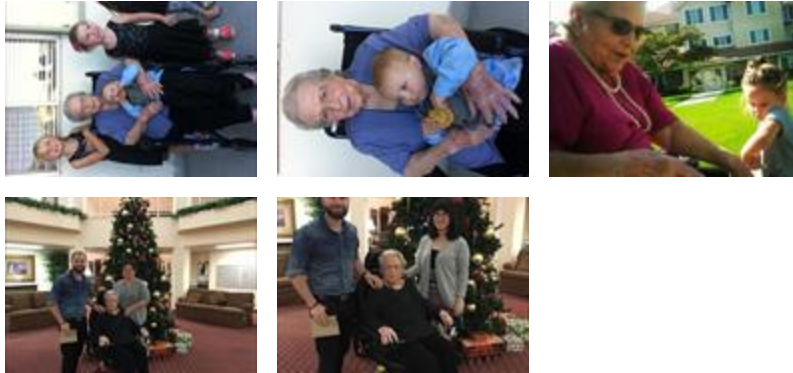
*Thank you Nicholas*

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**Sherri Pino-Sinclair** - August 16, 2018 at 07:43 AM

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**Sherri Pino Sinclair** - August 12, 2018 at 08:37 AM

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“ We will always remember our loving Ruth “grandma” Berry her loving presence here has been a huge impact on the family she made grow. Her presence will always be here and never forgotten, we love you grandma REST IN PEACE...

**makayla** - August 11, 2018 at 10:35 PM

 Laurie Jefferson

“ My sincerest condolences and prayers to the family and all who loved her and was loved by her. May you find peace, love and blessings during this sad time. She was a remarkable woman with a heart of gold. Love to you all, Laurie

**Laurie Jefferson** - August 11, 2018 at 10:31 PM

 Laurie Jefferson

“ I will always keep you close, in my heart you'll always be, until we meet again in all of heavens glory.  
Love always,  
Laurie

**Laurie Jefferson** - August 11, 2018 at 10:21 PM

JB

“ Janet Berry lit a candle in memory of Ruth R. Berry



Janet Berry - August 11, 2018 at 10:20 PM

Laurie Jefferson

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Laurie Jefferson - August 11, 2018 at 09:34 PM

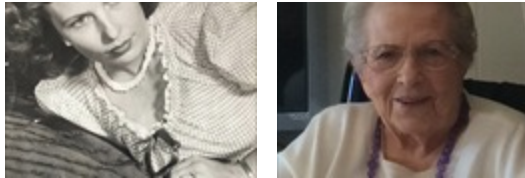
JB

“ We will all remember Ruth “grandma” Berry as a very loving and caring grandmother. She will always be remembered and never forgotten where she lives in so many hearts.

Janet Berry - August 11, 2018 at 07:50 PM



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Sherri Pino-Sinclair - August 11, 2018 at 05:31 PM



*She was so beautiful.* ❤️

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**Laurie Jefferson** - August 11, 2018 at 10:33 PM