



Ruth Mae Leggett

August 2, 1921 - June 29, 2014

Died quietly at her home on June 29, 2014 at the age of 92. She was born in Mitchell, South Dakota and was one of five girls born to Theodore and Mable Lindstrom. Ruth graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University with a degree in English, and she taught high school before entering the U.S. Navy. She served with distinction as a WAVE during World War II. After her service, Ruth returned to Mitchell where she met her future husband, Veryl David Leggett. They were married August 12, 1947 and soon thereafter settled in Glendale, California. While in Glendale, Ruth was active in her parish Incarnation, the Catholic Daughters of America, and the Camp Fire Girls.

Settling in Santa Barbara with her husband and daughter in 1961, Ruth became active in many areas. In addition to being a homemaker and loving mother, she worked tirelessly for the Mission Altar Society, Devereaux House, and the Catholic Daughters of America (of which she was a Past Regent and lifetime member of over 50 years), and she enjoyed belonging to a Gourmet Group. Ruth was most active in the Assistance League, especially the School Bell Program, for which she was honored for over 1000 hours of volunteering, sewing clothing for needy school-age children of Santa Barbara. Ruth was an excellent seamstress and cake decorator, having made many cakes for the Catholic Daughters and Hillside House. Ruth also managed to find the time to keep the books for Rod's Reprographics for over forty years.

Ruth leaves behind her husband of 66 years, V. David, her daughter Linda and son-in-law Roger of Lincoln, CA, her granddaughter Julia and husband Dean of Roseville, CA, her grandson Matthew and his wife Esther of Playa del Rey, CA, great grandchildren Ainsley and Hudson of Roseville, CA and sister Irene of Colorado.

A viewing will be held on Wednesday, July 2nd from 3 to 5pm at Welch-Ryce-Haider Downtown with a service to follow on Thursday, July 3rd at 10am at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Santa Barbara.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution in Ruth's name to the Assistance League of Santa Barbara.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

199 North Hope Ave
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
(805) 687-8811
http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery_id=3

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 2. 3:00 PM - 5:00 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 Mass

JUL 3. 10:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church
21 E Sola Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101