



Audrey Marie Morris Hirth

July 20, 1928 - July 25, 2018

Audrey Morris Morris Hirth passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 25, 2018, at the age of 90 years. She was born and raised in San Francisco, the daughter of George and Maude Morris. She attended Balboa High School in San Francisco, then graduated from UC Berkeley with a Bachelor of Arts degree and Teaching Credential. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

After a short period of time teaching elementary school in San Francisco, Audrey married the love of her life, Walter Hirth in 1952. When Walt wanted to buy a lot in the hills of Richmond overlooking the bay, she reluctantly agreed to leave her beloved San Francisco. The beautiful view of the city from her hillside location taunted her with memories of the glamor she had exchanged for the backward little factory town. But she threw her heart into it and she and Walt, with the help of some of Walt's older relatives, built the house that was to be her home for the next fifty-five years.

After raising five children, Audrey yearned to get back to her teaching career. So she returned to school at Holy Names College in Oakland, earned a Master's Degree in Special Education, and then went on to teach for many years as a Reading Disabilities Specialist at Salesian, Harry Ells, and Kennedy High Schools in Richmond and at a variety of elementary and middle schools in the Richmond Unified School District.

After Walter passed away in 2005, Audrey moved to Benicia, CA to be closer to her eldest son. She is survived by her 5 children and their spouses: Dennis and Laura Hirth, Mark Hirth and Dawn Kershner, Theresa and Ernie Gonzalez, Gregory and Joni Hirth, and Christopher Hirth and Erika Heckscher; by her 15 grandchildren and their spouses, and by 6 great grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be held on August 17, 2018 at St. Dominic Church at 1:00pm. The church is located at 475 East I St. in Benicia, CA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Salesian High School (2851 Salesian Ave. Richmond, CA 94804, or online at <https://www.salesian.com/support-salesian/donate>) or to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 17. 1:00 PM (PT)

St Dominic's
475 East I Street
Benicia, Ca 97510

Tribute Wall



“ *Audrey Marie Morris Hirth*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *I send my condolences to the entire Hirth Family. My mom Pearl Moe enjoyed calling up your mom and they could catch up on the day. I am sorry I missed the services last Friday and I am sure my mom and uncle are sitting down in heaven and catching up with your mom.*

Henry Moe - August 21, 2018 at 05:37 PM

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“ Dennis, Mark, Theresa, Greg and Chris,

Your parents were wonderful people. Your Mother and my Mom Claire Abshire were very dear life-long friends.

Fifty-three years ago my Mom needed to have minor surgery and my parents struggled to find caregivers for their six children ages 1 to 10. Your Mom, with four of her own and most likely pregnant with Chris volunteered to keep my twin brothers who were active one year olds. A life threatening complication kept my Mom in the hospital far longer than planned. Your parents didn't see inconvenience but rather an opportunity to help and support another young family. God bless your parents--they were the best.

Sadly I will not be able to attend your Mom's memorial because I am committed to celebrating my sister-in-laws 90th birthday celebration in Palm Desert.

All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Let's hope that right now Audrey and Claire are enjoying a cup of tea in heaven.

*Warmly,
Maureen Abshire*

Maureen Abshire - August 10, 2018 at 11:20 AM