



## Darla A. O'Donnell

November 25, 1960 - July 8, 2023

Darla A. O'Donnell passed away peacefully Saturday in a local hospital. She was a lifelong resident of Benicia. Darla worked at the Bank of America for almost 30 years.

Darla loved people, knitting and crocheting for her family and friends, music of all kinds and spending time on Facebook. Darla also loved working as a crossing guard at St. Dominic's School on East 5th and J Streets.

Darla is survived by her parents Gary & Virginia Cady; brother Gary Ted Cady her cat Oliver. Also survived by her dear friends and extended family Nancy & Burt Mahoney and their daughter Kellie, Aunt Arlene Saitz and many beloved cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband Bill O'Donnell. Also special thanks to Karen Williamson and Lu-Ann Lamb and all the doctors and nurses at Kaiser hospital in Vallejo for their tender and loving care.

Service will be private. There will be an open house at the family home on July 14, at 2:00. In lieu of flowers the family prefers donations to your favorite charity. Please visit the online tribute at [www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com](http://www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Dominic's Cemetery

Hillcrest Avenue & East 5th Street  
Benicia, CA 94510

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUL 14. 1:00 PM (PT)

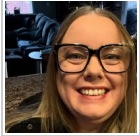
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# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Amanda Brooke and Lexi let your spoils come true living long family lines.

Stilla W Simpson - April 22, 2024 at 05:19 PM



“ When Darla worked at the gift shop at Kaiser in Vallejo she was one of my hardest working employees. I thought about her often after changing locations and always wondered about how she was doing. I randomly googled her and came across her obituary. It saddens me that she is gone from this earth, but she will live in our hearts forever. ❤️



Libby Budge-Heaslet - December 01, 2023 at 05:59 PM

CH

“ Well, cousin - we hadn't seen much of each other these last few years, but we thought of you often and are certainly thinking of your mom, dad, and brother these days. You were such a wonderful person, and certainly will be missed.

Cort Horner - September 05, 2023 at 07:56 PM

RK

“ Darla was a beautiful soul. She helped me through some of my chemo by texting me words of encouragement and always Love. I'll miss her smile.

Rosi Pate Klatt - July 17, 2023 at 04:02 PM

LW

“ I met Darla in High School, she is & was a Big Part of the Benicia Family. A bright joy at events, I'm so sad to hear we lost her. She was a Kind Soul and a Benicia treasure ❤️

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**Lisa Wright-Clegg** - July 15, 2023 at 02:21 AM

DW

“ I was sitting outside last night, looking at a blanket of stars in a remarkable night sky and thinking of Darla. In that moment, it occurred to me - maybe these are not stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy and will always light our way. Oh, how I hope so.

*We need a world full of Darla's. A beautiful soul who shared her boundless positivity, illuminating our paths with joy. Her gentle and kind spirit brought light and happiness to all who were fortunate enough to be in her orbit. As I looked at the stars I thought, she was a celestial body unto herself, brightening the universe with her very being.*

*I am so lucky to have known her, and so sad that she had to leave us. Thank you for your friendship Darla.*

*Denise Wallace*

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**Denise Wallace** - July 14, 2023 at 01:13 PM

 Nancy Robertson

“ Darla was a shining light in our town and we were honored and privledged to have her as a lifelong member of our group. Benicia Holy Ghost Society

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**Nancy Robertson** - July 13, 2023 at 01:49 PM

PW

“ Went to school with Darla since Robert Semple Elementary, she was a year behind me but had always been the sweetest person. Always kind to everyone. She helped us with the last multi year class reunion a few years ago. She will be missed.

Peggy (Cunningham) Wanlass - July 12, 2023 at 03:17 PM

RA

“ I am So sorry to hear of the lost of someone so special who has held a very special place in my heart for so many years. One of the many special memories that sticks out the most is when I went to Kaiser and then would stop by the gift I shop and see that beautiful smile and the beautiful welcome. She gave unconditional warmth and love to so many people. She will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out the The Cady , Saitz, and Rahill family with love and hugs. Ranea

ranea avila - July 12, 2023 at 01:05 PM

TV

“ Darla May you rest in peace and cause others to pause and remember to be more like you...kind, giving, forgiving and accepting of everyone. If you can do anything, Be Kind like Darla.



Tracey Van De Veire - July 11, 2023 at 08:02 PM

JP

“ *Darla was one of my Mom's (Mrs. Ross) favorite first grade students at Robert Semple. Mom loved Darla, Darla loved Mom. I am so happy I saw her in 2012. She was a fun dance partner.*

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**Jean Ross Payne** - July 11, 2023 at 07:01 PM

KS

“ *I met Darla at LOPC Singles Ministry. She was one of the sweetest, most encouraging souls I've ever known. We often chatted and visited over the years. I'm deeply saddened by her passing. I will miss her very much. Rest in Heavenly Peace, Dear Darla.*



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**Kris Sorgatz** - July 11, 2023 at 03:15 PM

JV

“ *Oh I'm so sorry hearing of Darla! Her kind compassion and humble personality lifted me! Benicia California has lost one of its true daughters! But her spirit and inspiration helps her family and friends carry on! To the Cady family as well as the Saitz , Rahill and that great extended family I give my blessings!*

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**Julian Valdez** - July 11, 2023 at 11:07 AM

NH

“ *Darla was such a precious soul, so sweet and kind. Never a bad word about anyone. She knew nearly everyone in town and loved to socialize. She will now be with her beloved Bill. RIP Darla.*

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**nina m hurst** - July 10, 2023 at 06:01 PM

BP

*Love, love, love sweet Darla. She never forgot a face or your name. Always put a smile on my face when I would run into her all over town. She was truly a genuine, kind, caring, beautiful human being and will definitely be missed. You left us with so many happy memories Darla. Love to you and to your family.*

*Beeb Gorden Patterson*

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**Beeb Gorden Patterson** - July 11, 2023 at 08:50 PM

JB

*I knew Darla from Beachcomber's Games Night. I don't know how many years we knew each other, but enough so I don't know how I'm going to attend games night without Darla being there. She was always fun, and, oh, those chocolate chip cookies!*

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**Jessica Barrett** - July 26, 2023 at 02:02 AM