



## Barbara Louise Collins

October 3, 1932 - December 11, 2015

Barbara Louise Collins, 83, died peacefully at her home in Napa Calif. on December 11, 2015.

She was born October 3, 1932 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She graduated from Iowa Teaching College in 1952 and began her career in teaching.

Barbara taught and worked at St Apollinaris for 25 years, as most students' favorite 3rd grade teacher. Once retired, she cared for her grandchildren, and looked forward to annual visits from her sister Jacki; where they would spend quality time shopping and playing card games with the grandkids.

Mrs. Collins is survived by her sister, Jacki Williams of MD; brother, Jimmy Williams also of MD. brother Robert(Rene) Chambers of SC, brother Richard(Shirley) Chambers of VA, brother in law Tom Collins of Paulo Alto, CA; 2 sons and their spouses, Bill and Tammi Collins of Napa, Jeff and Leann Collins of Napa, and daughter Mary Glover also of Napa.

To say her grandchildren were important to her is a gross understatement. From infants to adults, she was an integral part of their lives, and her theirs. They are Heidi Wise and Carli Collins, Brett and Garrett Collins, Tom (TK) and Katie Glover.

She is also survived by several nieces and nephews, and had grown especially close to her niece Jeanne Croxdale, who had been so incredibly helpful in her care over the past several years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clair Collins, sister & brother in law Lois and Ray Croxdale, sister and brother in law Marilee and Bob Collins, sisters in law Marge Collins, Trudy Williams and Phyllis Chambers, niece Cathy Collins, and nephew John Croxdale.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, Dec 17th at Claffey & Rota Funeral Home – Napa Calif at 2 PM.

In Lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to the American Diabetes Association.

# Comments

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“ I was very sad when I learned of Barbara's death. She was a very special friend to all of the Mercy sisters with whom she taught in St. Apolinaris. Her calm, gentle disposition endeared her to pupils and parents alike. She had a quiet wit that we all enjoyed. I was delighted to meet her on my last visit to Napa for St. A's Golden Jubilee celebration. As I did annually, I had just mailed her a Christmas letter when word came from Sr. Olive that Barbara had gone to Heaven. may she enjoy the reward of her labours in hte company of her many loved ones gone before her. Deepest sympathy to Mary, Greg and Jeff as well as spouses and grandchildren. Sympathy aslo to Jeanie Croxdale. The obituary was a fiting tribute to my dear friend. Godbye - dear Barbara and "sleep in Heavenly peace".  
Mary Corcoran (Sr.)

**Sr. Mary Corcoran** - January 07, 2016 at 08:56 AM