



Paula O'Gara

May 20, 2021

Paula O'Gara, 91, died peacefully in Arroyo Grande, California on Thursday, May 20, 2021. Born in Worcester, Massachusetts to George D. Goodwin and Florence Mary (Flynn) Goodwin.

Paula peacefully went to the Lord, joining her late husband, Dr. Louis O'Gara and her siblings, George Goodwin and Martha Parker. She is survived by her sister, Ann McGovern, and her five children and their families: John O'Gara, his wife Marci and children Colton and Declan; Ann O'Gara; Megan O'Gara Barrett, her husband Andrew and children Nicholas and Audrey; Sharon O'Gara, her husband Jim and children Ben Gaines and Katrin Gaines; and Jean Gold, her husband Rick and children Samantha and Daniel.

After having successfully received her degree from the College of New Rochelle (NY) in 1951, Paula set her sights on the West Coast, where she settled in San Francisco, CA, earning a teaching credential from the University of San Francisco. She then met her soulmate, Dr. Louis Anthony O'Gara, at Old St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. After three months of dating, Paula married the love of her life, Louis, on October 29, 1960 in the Carmel Mission (CA).

She and Louis raised their five kids in San Francisco, with the loving support of the O'Gara Clan. Paula soon joined Macy's CA as a long-time employee.

After Dr. O’Gara’s passing in 1985, Paula relocated to Windsor (CA) and eventually settled closer to her daughter, Sharon, in San Luis Obispo (CA).

At this time, we would like to extend our deep appreciation to Dr. Richard Griffith, Central Coast Hospice, the Alder House Family in Arroyo Grande, the Nativity of our Lady Catholic Community and Sharon’s many supportive friends.

Our beloved Paula will be dearly missed.

Memorial services for Paula will be held at Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church in San Luis Obispo, CA

August 5th @ 6pm: Vigil

August 6th @ 11am: Funeral Mass

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (PT)

Nativity of our Lady Catholic Church
221 Daly Ave
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Vigil

AUG 5. 6:00 PM (PT)

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