



Rosalie Babin Dowty

August 13, 1927 - May 7, 2016

Rosalie Babin Dowty passed peacefully Saturday May 7 in San Luis Obispo surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She was 88.

She was born to Lawrence and Anna Babin of New Orleans, Louisiana where she grew up and attended St. Mary's Dominican College. It was in New Orleans that she met the love of her life, Eugene Dowty from San Francisco, California, and in 1950 they married and built their home in San Luis Obispo. They were married for 61 years, until Eugene's passing in 2010.

While raising a family on the Central Coast, Rosalie worked part time at Riley's Department Store in the accounting department. She also found time to volunteer for the San Luis Obispo Mission and Junior Matrons. Every summer, the family would drive to Louisiana to visit relatives. In their retirement years she and Gene made frequent trips to European destinations, as well as throughout the United States in their Westfalia camper. She instilled upon her children the value of education, particularly through travel.

Rosalie enjoyed life and was very close to all her family and friends with whom she loved entertaining through celebrations, holidays, food, martini's and cards. She was a great cook, having a wonderful touch with all the traditional dishes of New Orleans. Also, she never missed an opportunity to visit the Chumash Casino where she could have fun for hours without ever seeming to lose any money.

Rosalie is survived by her children, Steve, Sharon and Joanne, daughter and son in-law Dee and Chris, and grandchildren Mariette, Scott, Aleigh and

Lauren. She was preceded in her death by her husband, Eugene A. Dowty, III. We will forever miss Rosalie's timeless stories, incredible wit and Louisianan hospitality. Her kindness was contagious and her love was endless; she touched all those around her and was greatly loved.

A memorial will be held Wednesday evening at Our Lady of Nativity in San Luis Obispo at 7PM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Prado Day Center of San Luis Obispo or St. Judes Hospital for Children.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 11. 7:00 PM (PT)

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