



Rhoda Frances Early Corcoran

November 14, 1925 - May 22, 2014

The family of Rhoda Corcoran prayed through her journey to life's end on May 22, 2014, in Fresno, California, holding her hand as she joined her parents, Rhoda and Frances "Frank" Early, her sisters, Kathleen and Jane, and brothers, Joseph, James, Frank, and Lawrence and daughter in law Claudia Unser Corcoran, in God's eternal light.

Rhoda Frances Early was born on November 14 1925, in Syracuse, New York. Rhoda and Paul A. Corcoran married in 1948, in Syracuse, New York, where Paul joined his six brothers in the family printing business started in 1929 by Paul's father, Thomas J. Corcoran. Rhoda raised seven children, Michael, Mary and her husband Patrick Schlichting, Sarah, Anne and her husband Wil Wilkes, Matthew and his wife Toni, Virginia and her husband Jim Spence, and Jane and her husband Rick Holland.

Rhoda and Paul moved to Fresno California, in 1966. From 1966 until 1986, Rhoda and Paul owned and operated a commercial printing business, living and teaching family values and producing quality printing for their customers, many of whom became lasting friends. Rhoda, one of nine children, and Paul, one of 11 children, made family gatherings of the extended Clans an always joyous collection of cousins, in-laws, and friends, coming together to share the best of what God provided. Rhoda lived a life of dedication to her husband and children, teaching her children to teach her 21 grandchildren and

numerous great-grandchildren to share with generosity and to think of others first. Rhoda was blessed with a purity of spirit and brought her special sweetness to being a wife, loving her husband, Paul, everyday of their 66 years of marriage.

A Requiem Mass will be held at Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 5770 N. Maroa, Fresno, CA 93704, on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Saint Agnes Holy Cross Center for Women, 421 F Street, P.O. Box 12225, Fresno, CA 93777.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAY 27. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
5770 N. Maroa Avenue
Fresno, CA 93704

Tribute Wall



“ *Rhoda Frances Early Corcoran*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *All of us back East are praying for you Uncle Paul and all of our cousins out in California. Distance does not interfere with the Faith we have that Aunt Rhoda is now in heaven with so many Corcoran's and other members of our family that have gone before us. Our prayers for you continue.... Love to all of you... Your cousin, Joan Emmitsburg, Maryland*

Sister Joan Corcoran, DC - May 28, 2014 at 08:50 AM



“ *There are many happy memories of how loving and caring Aunt Rhoda was when you all lived on Geddes. That same caring person was found in Fresno when Dave was stationed at San Francisco. We made many trips to Fresno to spend weekends or holidays in the open arms of family. When Peter was born, Aunt Rhoda was my rock, full of advice and wisdom for a new mom. Aunt Rhoda and Uncle Paul even stood in as proxies for Tom and Kathy at Peter's Baptism. Her patience, wisdom and love will be missed. I thank God for her life well lived and her love shining out to all who knew her.*

Janet Corcoran French - May 25, 2014 at 09:58 PM

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“ Rhoda and Paul and their family took me in during my high school years. My dad had done some work for Paul and that's how we knew the Corcoran family. Ginny and I are the same age and attended Bullard High together. Rhoda was a second mother to me, Ginny a sister, and Jane a little sister. And Paul...well, he was hilarious. I was part of their family. Typical teenager with boyfriend escapades, broken curfews and sibling arguments. Rhoda treated me like her own. I will never forget her generosity and her Brooklyn accent or her cooking. She was one of kind. And she has one heck of a family!

Lisa O'Kane (Blackhall) - May 25, 2014 at 11:10 AM

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“ I met Rhoda when I was 17 years old and hired as the receptionist at Dumont Printing in 1984. She became a mentor. Her, Paul, Ginny, and Jane became very dear to me. Rhoda taught me a little trick to overcome spelling errors to memorize words with CAPS for the bits that I would normally get wrong. I still use it today. Moving away from my own parents at a young age meant that I looked for role models to replace them. Rhoda and Paul filled the bill. I adore and love the Corcoran family. Hugs and love to all of you as you go through this transition. xo

Suzanne Bertz-Rosa - May 23, 2014 at 11:16 PM

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Our thoughts and prayers are with uncle Paul and our dear California cousins. Aunt Rhoda was a wonderful woman. Her children are a tribute to her loving and caring ways. May God hold each of you in his arms. Always remember the good times and her spirit will remain with you! Love, Susan Sexton Amyot

Susan Amyot - May 24, 2014 at 09:38 PM