



## Sheila Mary Ryder

September 12, 1942 - August 2, 2017

Sheila Mary Ryder was born on September 12, 1942 in Santa Barbara, California to Christian Ryder and Anne (Finn) Ryder. Sheila departed this life suddenly on August 2, 2017 after complications suffered from an automobile accident.

At the young age of 17, Sheila entered the religious life as a sister of the Notre Dame de Namur Convent in Belmont, California. In 1976, Sister Sheila obtained her Bachelors Degree in Sociology from Lone Mountain College.

In her later years, Sheila had a knack of not only for spreading God's love but teaching young children. For many years she ministered at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic parish in the heart of the marginalized community of Hunters Point in San Francisco, dedicating herself to help people meet their spiritual and material needs. Sheila also taught at a parochial school for underprivileged African American students and later substituted at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School in Clovis. She was currently the Religious Education Coordinator for the Shrine of St. Therese Catholic Church. Sheila's zest for life and eclectic personality will forever be cherished by those who came in contact with her.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine of St. Therese Catholic Church, 1410 N. Wishon, on Friday, August 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Remembrances may be sent in honor of Sheila to the Shrine of St. Therese  
Catholic Church 855 E. Floradora, Fresno, CA 93728

## Cemetery Details

### St. Peter's Cemetery

264 N. Blythe Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93706

## Previous Events

### Funeral Mass

AUG 11. 11:00 AM (PT)

Shrine of St. Therese Catholic Church  
855 E. Floradora  
Fresno, CA 93728

# Tribute Wall



“ *Chapel Of The Light created a Tribute Video in memory of Sheila Mary Ryder*



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**Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum** - August 09, 2017 at 02:21 PM



“ *I miss you so much, Sheila! Thinking and praying for you always.*

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**Kristin** - June 18, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ *Sheila Mary Ryder*

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September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



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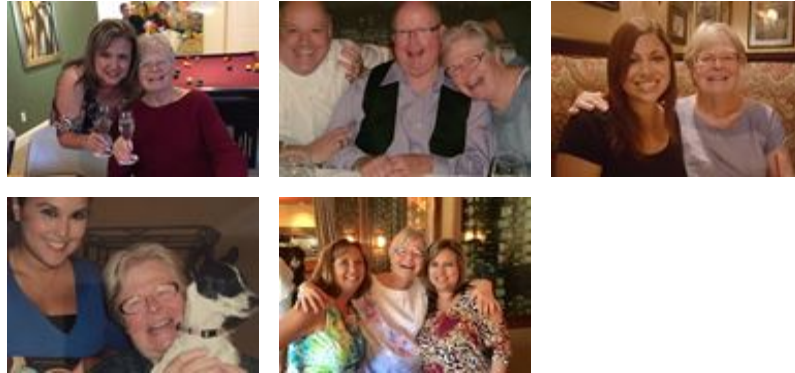


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**Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum** - August 09, 2017 at 02:22 PM



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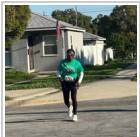
**Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum** - August 09, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ *Karen Koeplin purchased the Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Sheila Mary Ryder.*



**Karen Koeplin** - August 08, 2017 at 12:44 PM



“ *Sheila was a good friend and colleague. We definitely had many fun memories at St. John the Evangelist School in Los Angeles. I will have the memory of sharing a meal with her at the Homegirl Cafe, shortly before she moved from the area. Rest In Peace, my dear friend.*

**Paulette Clagon** - August 07, 2017 at 09:56 PM

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“ *May the Lord welcome you home and give you rest from your labors. Our condolences to her many friends.*

*Sincerely,  
Michael J. Rabara, General Manager  
and Staff of Chapel of the Light Funeral Home*

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**Michael** - August 07, 2017 at 06:37 PM

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“ *Sheila always had a great smile and good words to match. She was a dedicated teacher and a woman of faith. When I anointed her a month ago she was very positive about life and her journey to the Lord. May she rest in the peace of Christ.*

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**Msgr. Patrick McCormick** - August 07, 2017 at 05:09 PM