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Joan Pruitt Ireland, 83, of Rancho Bernardo, CA, left earth peacefully on Monday October 20, 2014 at home, with her husband holding her hand. She was born March 10, 1931 in Chicago, IL to Raymond S. and Florence (Hemingway) Pruitt.

Joanie graduated from the Latin School of Chicago, The Ethel Walker School (Simsbury, CT), and the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor).

She was an involved Pi Beta Phi alum and a capable hand in two area bridge clubs. As a young woman, she participated in charity and social organizations in Gary, IN to make a difference in her world. As she encountered progressive hearing loss she became a strong advocate in the hearing loss community, eventually receiving two cochlear implants. She served as the CA President of Self Help for the Hard of Hearing (SHHH), now Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), and provided leadership and support to local chapters.

Joanie was a lifelong learner, returning to college in her 50s to study graphic design (and applying those skills in work settings), adopting all things technology, taking cooking classes, exploring nature, loving music, and keeping up with the youthful culture of her grandchildren.

She was a friend to many, and an inspiration to all. She lived her life with joy and purpose.

Discovering that her life had an end date, Joanie focused on writing personal notes to those who had touched her life. She traveled back to Indiana one last time to connect with old friends, welcomed her son David back to Jamestown, RI from his solo circumnavigation on the 40-foot sailing yacht Bodacious Dream, and attended her final HLAA convention in Austin, TX. Her family was grateful for the gift of time and the ability to help her do the things she loved.

Joanie and Robert H. Rearick had four children who survive her: Nancy (Rick) Usrey of Rowlett, TX; Margery (Scott) Chellberg of Indianapolis, IN; David Rearick and Timothy Rearick, both of Chesterton, IN, as well as grandchildren (Tony (Kimesha), Danni (Michael), Corin, Devin) and great-grandchildren (Jacob, Nicole, Cameron, Gabriel, Riley Jo). She moved from Chesterton, IN to Rancho Bernardo, CA in 1978.



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On April 9, 1994, Joanie married UM alum Everett B. Ireland and happily made room in her heart for his children. These are Gail (Bob) Boyle of Santa Monica, CA; Tom (Juli) Ireland of Lansdowne, VA; and Bill (Ellen) Ireland of Venice, CA; and grandchildren (Brandon (Hazel), Jordan, Griffin, Sarah (Jeremie), David, Elizabeth, Katherine).

In addition, she is survived by her sister Barbara Siniscalchi (San Diego, CA), brother Raymond A. Pruitt (Sparks, NV), and sister-in-law Joan W. Rearick (Chesterton, IN), as well as five nieces and nephews.

Friends and family will gather in her honor on Saturday, November 1, 2014, at 11:00am, Alhiser-Comer Mortuary, 225 S Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Joanie's memory to one of these organizations: Pi Beta Phi Foundation (Emma Harper Turner Fund), PO Box 801867, Kansas City, MO 64180-1867, www.pibetaphifoundation.org/donate (Michigan Beta, Initiation 1950). Hearing Loss Association of America (Development Office), 7910 Woodmont Ave, Suite 1200, Bethesda, MD 20814, www.hearingloss.org/content/make-donation-online. The Ethel Walker School (Fund for Walker's), 230 Bushy Hill Road, Simsbury, CT 06070, www.ethelwalker.org/annualfund. Kaiser Hospice, 10992 San Diego Mission Road, Suite 2100, San Diego, CA 92108 (Joan Ireland, Born 3/10/31).





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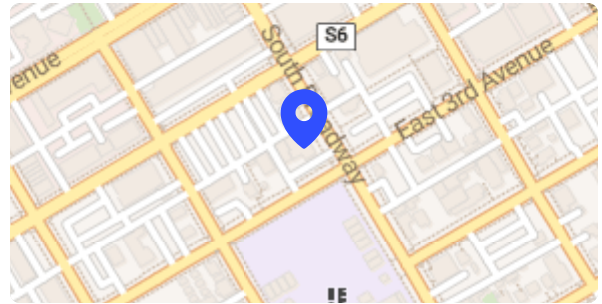
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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, November 1, 2014

 11:00 AM PT

 **Alhiser-Comer Mortuary**
225 S Broadway, Escondido CA 92025





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SA

Sally posted:

To The Ireland Family, It saddens me to read about Joan's passing. Something that helps me when my loved ones died is the hope found in the bible. It assures us God is near to those that are broken at heart and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. (Psalm 34:18) More than anything else, a relationship with God can help you to cope with the death of someone you love. I hope you find comfort in these words.

November 11 at 7:19 AM

KL

Kerry Luehring shared an album called **New Album Name**.



October 30 at 7:00 AM

MC

Margie Chellberg November 4 at 10:14 PM

Thank you Kerry for posting this photo.

DM

Doug Mann sent an Arrive in Style to the Ireland family.



October 28 at 10:28 AM

MC

Margie Chellberg November 4 at 10:17 PM

These flowers were so beautiful. They were fresh and elegant, very fitting for my mother. Thank you.



Media

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Kerry Luehring shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

October 30 at 7:00 AM



All of Joanie's Pi Beta Phi sisters will miss her smile & kind soul. Here she wears her arrow earring



Margie Chellberg November 4 at 10:14 PM

Thank you Kerry for posting this photo.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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