



# **Kathleen Mae Zaworski- Burke**

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## Kathleen Mae Zaworski-Burke

On the evening of February 24, 2016, Kathleen passed away at the age of 72 at Pomerado Hospital in San Diego, California as a result of complication from surgery. Kathleen was born on February 1, 1944 in Minneapolis, Minnesota and was the only child of Darrell and Casimera Zaworski.

Kathleen had a passion for education. She was a college professor, starting at the age of 22 and retiring at 70. She taught theater arts and introduction to speech communication to students throughout San Diego County at the University of San Diego, as well as Palomar, Miramar, and San Diego City Colleges.

She was also a board member on the Poway Unified School District from 1992 to 1996. In politics you always have people that agree and others that disagree with you, and Kathleen was no exception. She was an animated and passionate advocate for children's education. She may not have agreed with everyone, however, no one ever questioned her commitment to education.

Kathleen also had passion for fine jewelry, the New Orleans jazz scene, and Las Vegas. She never missed an opportunity to put on her favorite jewels and take in a show or concert. She was the Executive producer of 2013's Bayou Maharajah, The Troubled Genius of James Booker.

Kathleen was predeceased by parents Darrell and Casimera Zaworski, and her beloved husband John J. Burke, Jr. She is survived by her children John (Jill) and Katherine, along with her granddaughters Charlotte, Lila, Rose Casimera, and Clara Maeve.

A viewing will be held 4-5pm on Wednesday March 2nd, 2016 at Alhiser-Comer Mortuary in Escondido. Her funeral service will be held at 9 A.M on Friday, March 4th at San Rafael Catholic Church with internment following at 1:30pm at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery.



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In Lieu of Flowers, please make a donation in Kathleen's name to the BMI Future Jazz Master Scholarship at [www.BMIFoundation.org](http://www.BMIFoundation.org)




# Events

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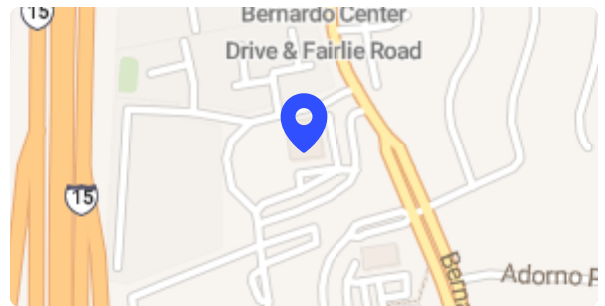
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## Funeral Mass

 **Friday**, March 4, 2016


 9:00 AM PT


 **San Rafael**  
17252 Bernardo Center Dr, San Diego CA

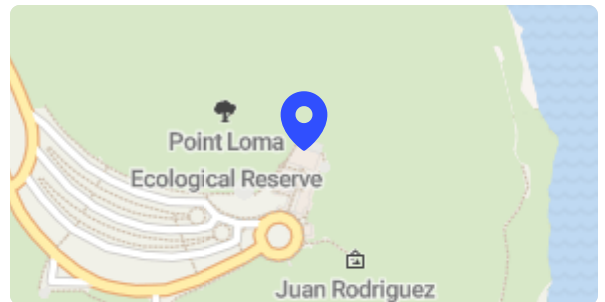


## Interment

 **Friday**, March 4, 2016

 1:30 PM PT

 **Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery**  
1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive, San Diego CA





## Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Mcardle** posted:

I dated Kathy occasionally during the mid-1960s. I say occasionally because she was pursuing a master's degree at Baylor University in Texas and I was a Navy officer who spent a lot of time at sea, including 3 long cruises to Vietnam. We would get together when we both were in San Diego during the summer and during her Christmas vacations. Kathy was an exceptional student at Cathedral Catholic Girls High School. In her senior year she was the student body president, the winner of the science contest, and also the winner of The Toastmasters speech award. Kathy was also an exceptionally good swing dancer. At Baylor she had earned money working as a dancing Go Go girl. We parted ways after January 1966, but I retain nothing but fond memories of her.

January 12 at 5:57 PM

RC

**Ruth Cassidy** lit a candle in honor of Kathleen.

Kathleen got me involved in community service in Rancho Penasquitos with a vengeance. I just learned of her passing and wanted to express my sincere condolences to her family and friends.



October 8 at 7:39 PM

MN

**Mary C. Newberg** posted:

MY DEAREST COUSIN-MY FIRST SISTER, WE HAD QUITE A LIFE TOGETHER. MY LOVE-MARY KAY

March 2 at 4:28 AM

JD

**Janet (Butina) Van Drew** posted:

My heartfelt condolences to the family. My prayers are with you. Kathleen was my best friend during high school at Cathedral Girls High. We shared Shrove Tuesday decadent ice cream sundaes and the bus ride to Lemon Grove among many things we did together. Rest in peace. Janet (Butina) Van Drew Class of 1961

March 1 at 8:10 AM

NH

**Norma Heeter** posted:

Our condolences to the Kathleen Zaworski-Burke Family in this tragic and unexpected passing of Kat. She was a lovely neighbor who loved her Corvette as do we. We shall miss her. Norma and Paul Heeter

February 29 at 2:28 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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