



Mrs. Dawn Garofalo

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Our dear mother Dawn Garofalo sadly passed away on August 12th at 12:45 AM at the age of 90. Just short of a few weeks from her 91st birthday.

Our mother was born on September 13, 1933, in Quantico, Virginia. She was the first of two children from her parents Anna Mae and Francis Doane. Her parents were in the military, so they traveled state to state. After graduating high school, she worked at a soda fountain shop and that's where she met her husband, Al Garofalo. They were married on October 21, 1951, in Lynn, Massachusetts. They had 2 children, Frank and Joni. Then ventured out to San Diego, California and had their last child Teri.

She worked at California Cheese Company with Al as an Office manager where she worked for many years.

She was very close to the church, Our Lady of Grace. She was a Eucharistic Minister and had many friends who loved her. She had a big heart, caring deeply for people. She liked to garden, sew, and worked on puzzles. She also loved music, especially country. Fleetwood Mac and Neil Diamond were her favorites.

She was a wonderful mother who was always there when needed the most, offering support, wisdom, and love in abundance. She was a cherished member of the community in San Diego, California, leaving behind a legacy of kindness and strength.

She was predeceased by her mother, Anna Mae Doane and her father Francis Doane, her husband, Al Garofalo and her daughter Joni Lacombe. She leaves behind Raymond McMahan her brother, Frank Garofalo her son, and Teri Lee her daughter. She also had 9 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren.

Services will be at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church located at 2766 Navajo Road,



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El Cajon, Ca 92020. She will be placed with Al Garofalo at Rosecrans National Cemetery.





Events


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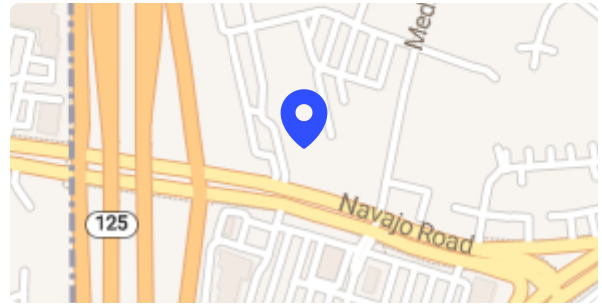
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Catholic service


 **Thursday**, September 5, 2024

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PT

 **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church**
2766 Navajo Road, El Cajon CA 92020



Cemetery Details

 **Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery**
1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive, San Diego CA
92106





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JA

Joel And Tim sent a Small Garden Dish to the Garofalo family.



September 3 at 1:17 PM

PC

Paula Church posted:

I will miss my mother in law dawn garofalo even tho I'm no loner married to her son she has always treated me as her daughter in law she was such a kind woman and beautiful heart when ever I came to California to visit my sister I always went and spent time at that kitchen table we all loved sitting at Reminiscing she will be missed very much. Good bless ❤️❤️❤️

August 30 at 6:13 PM

LA

Lauren posted:

When I first started my career in sales in 1983 at McMahon Group I was living in NYC and my territory was California! It was so great to be able spend time on the west coast and spend time with my wonderful Aunt Dawn. I remember sitting at her kitchen table having iced tea and her delicious salads with all kinds of cheese and chopped meats! Dawn was always listening to my tales! I also loved getting to spend time with Teri and Frankie's children - especially Lisa. The most lovely young girl and beautiful smile. Over the years if I needed someone to talk to late at night in NYC I always knew I could call my Aunt Dawn - 3 hours earlier Pacific Coast time. She truly was a great confident and friend to me. Love you always, Lauren McMahon Smith

August 29 at 6:30 AM

RO

Rosanne sent a Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate to the Garofalo family.



August 27 at 6:42 AM

RO

Rosanne planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Dawn.



August 27 at 6:42 AM



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Rosanne McMahon posted:

Ray and I have wonderful memories of our trips out your way and wonderful lunches with your sweet mother and the rest of her family. Ray and Lauren will be out for the funeral and look forward to having time to spend together. Love to you all. Rosanne

August 27 at 6:35 AM



Lisa Mekenas November 11 at 1:01 PM

We went to visit our parents today at Rosecrans and noticed Dawn had joined Al in what we call "the hole in the wall gang". We always stop by to say hi to Al when visiting Dad, Mom joined Dad in July, she passed away in June. Our family will always have the fondest memories of Al and Dawn at Calif Cheese as well as OLG. Cyndi and Maura will always talk about the lessons they learned from Al and Dawn. Dad and Al had some adventures as well. The Mekenas family sends love to the Garafalo's . We will give prayers and blessings each time we are at Rosecrans for the life , laughter, and faith we all received thru our parents friendship.



Maureen posted:

Dawn rest in peace now, you are home with your husband in God's Kingdom. God bless your soul. I will miss you every Sunday to give your communion.

August 24 at 1:41 PM



Brandon Gibson sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Garofalo family.



August 24 at 11:44 AM



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Bobbi Garofalo Gibson shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

To my grandma you are the greatest women I've ever known the world really was a better place because you were in it My love for peanut butter and jelly sandwiches came from the many sandwiches I ate at your kitchen table I can't eat pancakes without peanut butter because you always made the best peanut butter pancakes I love pepper Jack cheese because you always had it in the fridge for sandwiches now my own daughter has to have peper Jack cheese on her sandwiches I dislike buying food at theme parks because you always packed a cooler full of lunch to any theme park you ever took me to I will truly miss sitting at your kitchen table chatting with you and just making memories with you I will miss your sweet voice saying "love you much" I will forever be grateful for our FaceTime calls and all yours chats with my Willy girl I have to keep telling myself 90 years is a long life to live you showed us so much and we are all so grateful for your love and guidance you are truly missed and loved by everyone who's ever met you I'm selfish and I want you back here on this earth with us but since that is not possible I'll forever keep you in my heart! I'm sharing this beautiful Picture of my Grandma with my daughter Willow Grace (age 3) at time of photo she's 6 years old and loved to face time her great grandma Dawn



August 22 at 4:09 PM



Henry Rimoldi August 22 at 4:29 PM

Yes! She was a great lady and definitely will be truly missed 😭



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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