



Dolores Marie Celia

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With deep love and profound sadness, we announce the passing of Dolores Marie Celia on April 9, 2025, at the age of 82. A devoted mother, grandmother, educator, and woman of faith, Dolores lived a life marked by love, purpose, and service.

Dolores dedicated herself to nurturing both minds and hearts. Her career began in the classroom as a teacher, where she inspired countless young students with her warmth and encouragement. She later served as an elementary school principal, where her leadership, compassion, and unwavering belief in the power of education left a lasting legacy in her community.

Faith was the cornerstone of Dolores's life. She carried her deep spirituality into everything she did—her relationships, her work, and her everyday acts of kindness. Her strength, grace, and quiet wisdom were rooted in a life of prayer and devotion.

Above all, Dolores was a loving and proud mother and grandmother. She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Balderston, and her two cherished grandsons, Eric Balderston and Alex Balderston, who were the joy of her life. Her legacy lives on in them and in all those whose lives she touched with her guidance and love.

A funeral Mass will be held on May 2nd at 9:30 am at St. Jude Shrine of the West. All who knew Dolores are welcome to join us in honoring her life.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to a local charity that focuses on education.

Dolores Marie Celia lived her life with love, faith, and purpose. We are heartbroken by her loss, but deeply grateful for her life.




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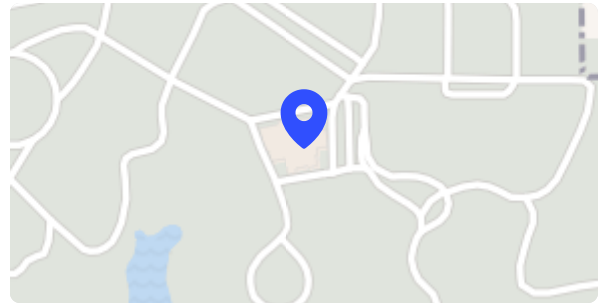
Closed Casket Visitation

 **Thursday**, May 1, 2025

 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM PT

 **Greenwood Memorial Park - Salli Lynn Chapel**


4300 Imperial Ave., San Diego CA 92113



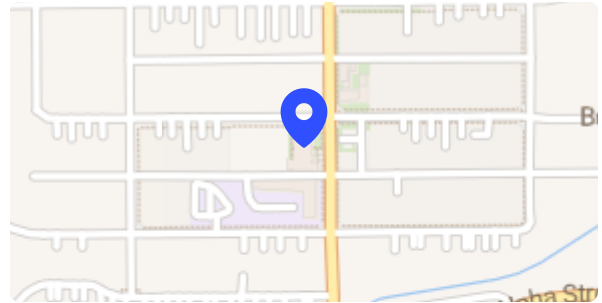
Funeral Mass

 **Friday**, May 2, 2025


 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM PT

 **Saint Jude Shrine of the West**

3785 Boston Ave., San Diego CA 92113



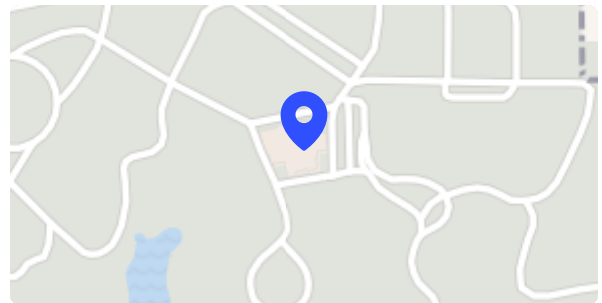
Committal

 **Friday**, May 2, 2025

 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM PT

 **Greenwood Memorial Park**

4300 Imperial Avenue, San Diego CA 92113





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Patrick Moir posted:

05/14/25 I just saw a post about the Challenger and how kids back east watched it live, which made me think of Mrs. Celia. We didn't watch it live at Hawthorne, but I do remember her sharing the news to each room. She showing her caring and loving spirit that day, and made my two years at Hawthorne great. It must have been hard to lead the merger of MacDowell and Hawthorne.

May 14 at 9:03 PM



Daniel Suarez & Family sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Celia family.



April 29 at 5:55 PM



Anita Nieto posted:

You will be missed Dolores. Thank you for being such a wonderful neighbor. We will miss you.
Anna & Al Peters

April 23 at 4:16 PM



Tim And Emily Gonzales sent a Pink Potpourri Bouquet to the Celia family.



April 19 at 7:36 AM



Olga Sanchez shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Siempre la recordaré...



April 18 at 6:58 PM



Greg And Kim Gonzales sent a Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet to the Celia family.



April 16 at 6:15 PM



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Greg And Kim Gonzales planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Dolores.



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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