



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

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Dear Worthy Regent, Officers and Members:

It is with great sadness I inform you that Past State Regent Mary Anne Aarset died this morning, she was 92 years young. For those of you who did not know her, Mary Anne was California State Regent from 2000-2002.

Mary Anne had a fall several weeks ago and went to the ER where they said she was OK and only had a few bruises. When she had problems walking and was in pain, her daughter Kathy took her to her Primary Care Physician, who immediately sent her to an orthopedic doctor who had her admitted to the hospital; She had a fractured hip.

Before she could have surgery, she was checked out by many doctors and it was discovered that she had a low heart rate. A special pacemaker was installed in her heart and the surgery went well. The surgeon then repaired her hip and surgery was a success. She was to be in the hospital for several days and was then going to be sent to a rehab center for about a month.

Even though Mary Anne did well with her surgeries, she never fully regained her energy, she did not want to get up and walk around and was in pain. When the doctor went to give her a final check up before being sent to rehab, her blood pressure had dropped to 20/80.

Her daughter Kathy was allowed to visit her yesterday for about 20 minutes. Kathy has been Mary Anne's caregiver for many years.

I will always remember Mary Anne as a lovely and gracious lady. She was always ready to give advice, whether you had asked for it or not. Rest In Peace my dear friend.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let Your perpetual light shine upon her. May she Rest In Peace. Amen.

Sympathy and Mass Cards may be sent to:

Kathy Aarset
1821 South Ethel Street
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Stay safe and well. God bless.

In Unity and Charity

Mary Bernard
State Regent



Left to right:
Maria Santos-Silva, State Secretary, Tess Chiampas, 1st Vice State Regent, Mary Bernard, State Regent, Mary Beasley, 2nd Vice State Regent, Jo Bryant, State Treasurer .