



In Loving Memory



Mary C. Mason

October 15, 1917 - December 1, 2008



Mary Cecilia Bollinger Ellsworth Mason passed away peacefully at her home in Murrieta, California on December 1, 2008 at age 91 of complications from a fall. Mary Bollinger was born in Fort Scott, Kansas, October 15, 1917 to Lee Liborius Bollinger and Mary Anne Stephenson who farmed outside of town. Mary graduated from Fort Scott High School, worked at the Standard Advertising Company, then married Leon W. Ellsworth and gave birth to three children, Elizabeth, Rosemary, and Larry. After Leon's death, she and her children left Fort Scott in 1953 when she married Chet Mason and moved to Long Beach, California. There Mary gave birth to two sons, Chester and George, and was an active member of Holy Innocents Catholic parish. In 1974 Mr. Mason bought a large tract of land in the Murrieta area and the family relocated to Murrieta and later to Escondido.

Mary was a meticulous homemaker, noted for her excellent cooking. She enjoyed gardening, creating and nurturing abundant orchards and plants; roses were always a favorite. She and Chet often traveled in their airplane back to Kansas where they kept cattle, and to Mexico where they vacationed. After being widowed in 1990, Mary continued through her nephew Jim Holden to oversee the operations of the company founded by Mr. Mason — Duct-o-Wire — with its main office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and a second location in Corona, California. She was wholeheartedly involved in the welfare of her family and was an active member and supporter of various Catholic churches in the area, most recently St. Mary's of Escondido.

Mary is survived by her sister, Clara Holden of Murrieta, and her five children: Elizabeth Ellsworth, Larry Ellsworth, Rosemary Glass, Chester Mason and George Mason. She leaves 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren and will be mourned by many people including her large extended family, as she was extremely supportive of her sister and her sister's children as well as her own. Mary lived life as a positive role model to all, emphasizing family values and the 'golden rule.' She showed compassion and forgiveness toward all, touching many lives with her strength of spirit and her generosity. She will be sorely missed now that she has joined her loved ones who have gone before.

MASS OF RESURRECTION

Monday, December 8, 2008

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Escondido, California

OFFICIANT

Fr. Lucas Thumma



PROCESSIONAL

HOW GREAT THOU ART



READINGS

Wisdom 3:1-9

Elizabeth Ellsworth (daughter)

Revelations 21:1-5, 6b-7

Rosemary Glass (daughter)



PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

AMAZING GRACE

Anna Tillman & Teresa Champion (granddaughters)



COMMUNION

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

AVE MARIA



RECESSIONAL

ON EAGLES' WINGS



PALL BEARERS

Tyler Williams

Scott Ellsworth

David Glass

Larry Martinez

Larry Ellsworth, Jr.

Scott Champion

Tim Kaschak

Steve Osborn



*Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same;
but as The Almighty calls us one by one, the chain will link again.*



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1-800-736-3467

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Baltimore, MD 21203-7090

You may make your confidential donation via any of these three methods; whichever means is chosen, mention that your donation is in memory of Mary C. Mason of Escondido, CA 92025.

PHOTO DVDs

If you would like a DVD containing the slide show which was shown at Mary's services, please e-mail your name and shipping address to steve@annaleeandsteve.com and you will be added to the mailing list. We hope to ship them around the first of the year. One copy per address, please.

INTERMENT

Interment will be at Eternal Hills Cemetery in Oceanside immediately following the funeral Mass. From St. Mary's Church, take 13th Avenue west to Centre City Parkway. Turn right (north) on Centre City Parkway to 9th Avenue and turn left (west). Take 9th Avenue to I-15 North to SR-78 West. Exit El Camino Real in Oceanside (approximately 15 miles west on SR-78). Turn right (north) approximately ½ mile to Fire Mountain Drive. Eternal Hills is on the left, at 1999 South El Camino Real.

THANK YOU

Mary Mason meant so much to so many people, she will be missed by all her family and friends; and through her philanthropy, thousands of strangers. Thank you to all who loved her and were loved by her. She has set a shining example for us. The best thanks we could give her in return is to follow that example: spread goodness and love as we live our lives until we see her again.