



# Ann Pauline Dailey-Garant

July 18, 1932 - April 17, 2024

Ann Pauline Dailey Garant died peacefully, surrounded by her seven children, on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at David Grant Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, CA at the age of 91. Ann was born on July 18, 1932 in North Bennington, VT. She was the fifth of seven children of the late Joseph Michael Dailey, Sr. and the late Rose Ann Callahan Dailey. Ann attended St. Francis de Sales Elementary School in Bennington and graduated from Bennington High School in 1951 where she played field hockey. In 1955, she graduated from St. Catherine Children's Home in Albany, NY, with a certificate to work with infants and young children. Ann married the love of her life, Richard F. Garant, also from Bennington, on February 22, 1955, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Bennington. Richard re-enlisted in the Air Force and together for the next 26 years they traveled to six states and two foreign countries having 7 children along the way. Their favorite assignment was a 5 year stay at Hickam Air Force Base on Oahu in Hawaii where Ann taught Faith Formation classes at the Catholic Church with her husband Richard. After Hawaii, they were assigned to Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, CA, where Richard would eventually retire after 26 years of service. Ann was married to Richard for 53 years before his passing in 2008. Together they had 7 children; Michael Garant and Christopher Garant both of Vacaville, CA, Kelly Garant of Redlands, CA, Lisa Harwick of Newport Beach, CA, Mary Waldren of Phoenix, AZ, Tom Garant and Pamela Garant both of Fairfield, CA, 18 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 1 great, great-grandchild.

While living in Fairfield, CA Ann attended Solano Community College where she proudly graduated with a 4.0 GPA and a degree in Early Childhood Education. While at Solano Community College she was named Preschool Teacher of the Year. Another proud accomplishment in her life. Ann loved children. She dedicated her life to caring for and working with children of various ages. She worked at the Child Care Center at Travis Air Force Base, Child Haven and Head Start in Fairfield and taught preschool in Vacaville and Fairfield for 30 years and loved every minute of it. She was named Solano County Preschool Teacher of the Year two years in a row after being nominated by parents. She continued to share favorite memories of her students with friends and family right up until her passing. In 2008 Ann made a pilgrimage to Italy with a beloved priest, her daughter

Kelly, sister-in-law Martha Dailey and friends from her church. She visited the Vatican, Assisi, Florence and many other beautiful sites. It was a trip that held lasting memories. Ann lived her faith by loving and showing kindness and forgiveness to others. She was generous with her time, talent and treasure and found joy in everything she did. Hers was a life well-lived! Thank you to everyone who through the years showed love and kindness to our mother. She was loved and will be missed. Services will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Fairfield, CA beginning at 10 am with a Rosary, Liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 am, and burial at the National Cemetery in Dixon, CA at 12:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, Ann would rather feed and care for children and families. We suggest Alpha Clinics in Vacaville, CA which offers 100% no cost care to families before, during and after pregnancies or donate to a local food bank or food pantry at a Catholic church in your area. Thank you. Arrangements were directed by Fairfield Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

MAY 8. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church  
2700 Dover Avenue  
Fairfield, CA 94533

## Burial / Committal Service

MAY 8. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery  
5810 Midway Road  
Dixon, CA 95620