



## Mary Alander

October 6, 1938 - December 28, 2023

Mary Patricia Baker Alander gained her angel wings to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on December 28, 2023, at her daughter's home in Vacaville, CA surrounded by those who loved her. She was 85 years old.

Mary was born to Kenneth Thomas Baker and Mary Elizabeth Livingstone Baker on October 6, 1938, in Portland, Oregon. Mary graduated from High School in 1957 at St. Mary's Academy. After graduating Mary enlisted in the Air Force and started basic training in Texas. During this time, she met Frank Alander. Frank and Mary were married on December 27, 1958, in Portland, Oregon, and relocated to Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, CA. They had four Children: Laura Kathleen, Kelly Leann, John Patrick, and James Bryan.

After starting a family, Mary pursued a college education and received her Associate Degree in Arts from Solano Community College, and her Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies at California State University, Sacramento in 1975. Mary went on to earn a Master of Arts in Education (Special Education) in 1981. After Mary graduated College in 1975, she started teaching at Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District. She also taught at Vallejo Adult School in the Handicapped Division and then went on to teach at California Medical Facility in 1989. Mary transferred to California State Prison-Solano in 1992. She was a literacy coordinator for 14 years and an ABE-1 Teacher for pre-readers to third-grade special education. In 2011 Mary retired from the California

Department of Corrections, CSP Solano.

Mary was a devoted member of the Catholic Church at a very young age. she participated in Young Ladies Institute, St Alphonsus # 125 at Holy Spirt Catholic Church in Fairfield, CA. She also taught Catechism to young children. Throughout her entire life, she held an unwavering faith in God, which she shared with those who surrounded her.

Mary was a devoted Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, loyal friend, and a dedicated educator. She enjoyed going on vacation with her family and friends. She went to Ireland and had a wonderful time. Mary enjoyed going to Broadway shows, musicals, and plays in San Francisco.

Mary joins her father Kenneth Baker, Mother Mary Baker (Livingston), Stepfather Alfred Emily, Uncle Jerry Livingstone, and Brother-in-Law Richard Walters in Heaven. She is survived by her four children: Laura Alander, Kelly Alander, John Alander, and James Alander, her sister Shirley Walters and many grandchildren, great- grandchildren, and countless friends.

Church Services will be on February 16, 2024, at Holy Spirt Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. (1070 North Texas Street, Fairfield, CA). A Memorial Service will be held at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. (5810 Midway Road Dixon, CA) followed by a reception at Paradise Valley Clubhouse at 3:00 p.m. (3990 Paradise Valley Drive Fairfield, Ca.).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

FEB **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
1050 Texas Street  
Fairfield, CA 94533

## Burial / Committal Service

FEB **16**. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery  
5810 Midway Road  
Dixon, CA 95620