

# Obituaries

## BARBARA KESSENER

began singing eternal praises to Jesus May 26, 2009. All are welcome Memorial Celebration June 11, 2009, 2pm at Hope Chapel Hermosa Beach; Ruth Perez, Coordinator 310-374-4673.



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## JAMES FRANCIS WEBER.

Born: December 27, 1924 in Los Angeles, California, Died: May 24, 2009 in Durham, North Carolina.



Jim Weber was a native of Los Angeles, CA before moving with his parents, older brother and younger sister to Manhattan Beach on Columbus Day of 1936 where he began attending Center Street School. In 1942 Jim was chosen to attend Boys State while attending Redondo Union High School prior to his graduation in 1943. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army in World War II. He participated in the D-Day invasion in Normandy, France and two weeks later was wounded and taken Prisoner of War. He received the following medals for military service: Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Prisoner of War, European Campaign, WWII Victory, and Army Good Conduct. He was a member of American Legion Post #184, Redondo Beach, for over 65 years serving as Adjutant in 1951 and Post Commander in 1953.

He was a member of St. James Catholic Church, Redondo Beach, where he married Mary Ann McGee of Hermosa Beach in 1948. After 27 years of marriage Mary Ann preceded him in death in 1976.

Jim, along with his father F.C. and brother Bob operated Manhattan Bakery beginning in 1936 and Weber Bros. Bakery in Manhattan Beach from 1946 to 1954. Jim and Mary Ann built a home in Manhattan Beach in 1949 and became very active in American Martyrs Catholic Church, Manhattan Beach. He joined Queen of Martyrs Council #4567 of the Knights of Columbus in Manhattan Beach in 1954. He has served as Grand Knight, District Deputy, Faithful Navigator and is an Honorary Life Member of the Fourth Degree of this Catholic men's organization. Following his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army in 1945, Jim earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Woodbury Business College and completed Masters courses at USC. In 1955 Jim began working for the cities of Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, and El Segundo in various positions beginning as a Payroll Clerk for the Manhattan Beach Finance Department and City Services Officer for the City of Hermosa Beach. He ultimately rose to the level of Finance Director and Assistant City Manager in Hermosa Beach and Director of Finance for the City of El Segundo. He retired in 1980, but continued for over 17 years to provide consulting services for numerous cities in Southern California such as Lomita, Santa Paula, Rolling Hills Estates, Lynwood, Palos Verdes Estates, Chino, and Carlsbad as Interim Finance

Director. He also established the Finance Department for the cities of Malibu and Yucca Valley upon their incorporation. Jim was an active member and president of numerous other organizations such as the Toastmaster's Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Rotary Club, and California Society of Municipal Finance Officers. He also was very proud of the part he played in helping to organize the Centinela-South Bay Credit Union, which had its beginnings in a small office in the garage of his residence. Jim served on the credit union's Board of Directors for many years and was instrumental in the building of its present, two-story location on Artesia Blvd., in Redondo Beach.

In 1977 Jim married Beatrice Butters of Hermosa Beach. They built a home in Joshua Tree in 1989 and in 2001, to be closer to his daughter and son, Jim and Bea moved to Croasdaile Village, a retirement community, in Durham, NC.

Mr. Weber is predeceased by his parents Francis C. and Donna R. (Habermann) Weber; his first wife Mary Ann (McGee) Weber; and one brother, Robert J. Weber. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Beatrice, of Durham, NC; one daughter, Mary Frances Serrano and her husband, Michael, of Roanoke Rapids, NC; one son, James F. Weber, Jr. and his wife, Sharon Green, of Pittsburgh, PA. Also surviving are one sister, Mary Ellen Etherington, of Valencia, CA; one sister-in-law, Barbara Weber, of Chula Vista, CA; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, John and Carmen McGee, of Torrance, CA; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; as well as special cousins in Ohio.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 7:30pm on Friday, June 5, at American Martyrs Catholic Church, Manhattan Beach. Private graveside services will be on Saturday, June 6, at Holy Cross Cemetery, Culver City CA. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jim's memory may be made to Duke HomeCare & Hospice, 4321 Medical Park Drive, Suite 101, Durham, NC 27704, or to your favorite charity.

Please go to the mortuary's website, www.LAfuneral.com to send the family messages, share memories, or to obtain directions to the services. Check back to view the online video tribute.

## FERMINE "BLACKIE" TERRAZAS

July 21, 1944 - May 16, 2009. One last pick up... for those of you that know of "Blackie" (Fermine Terrazas) he was the El Segundo gentleman that for 13 years drove around the city in his truck doing various clean-ups for families during the week and taking away unwanted items left over from yard sales on the weekend. What he did made him happy. He passed away Saturday, May 16, 2009.

I wanted to give a few words of respect to Blackie and all of you that have ever contributed to him. No matter how insignificant you may feel someone else is or



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# Author Fair

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parents can meet several of the children's authors (Lattimore, Michele Hauser, Chris and Suzanne Shoemaker, and Hope Anita Smith) from 2 to 3 p.m.

"This is a great way to promote our ever-improving library to our residents and introduce them to some of the new features like free Internet access, in addition to a chance to meet some very talented authors," said McDowell, who added that over a quarter of a million books were checked out of El Segundo libraries last year.

Brighton confirmed that local library activity is indeed on the rise. "The library is busier than ever these days with more people using the Internet to find jobs and taking advantage of all the free books and other services when the economy is down," she said. "Our 16 Internet stations for the public are full every day and our checkouts' stats are up 10 percent over last year." Brighton added that the popular Summer Reading Program will begin on June 18 and continue into August. This year's theme is "Be Creative at Your Library." The kick-off program featuring magician Allen Oshiro is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, at the El Segundo Women's Club. Meanwhile, the Teen Summer Reading Program ("Express Yourself at Your Library") also starts on June 18.

For more information on the Author Fair and other library programs, call 310-524-2728 or log onto [www.eslib.org](http://www.eslib.org).

The following schedule of Author Fair panels and tables was as of June 1 and may be subject to last-minute changes:

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ROOM AUTHOR PANELS

1:15 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

#### "Stretching Your Dollar"

Moderator: Mayor Kelly McDowell

#### Non-Fiction Panelists:

Christiane Jory, Joanne Poyourow  
Lloyd Segal, Jason Song

2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

#### "Mysterious Happenings"

Moderator: Dina Cramer, Former El Segundo Public Services Manager

#### Fiction Panelists:

Joan Del Monte, Leslie Klinger  
Harley Jane Kozak, Jeri Westerson

#### MAIN FLOOR

#### ROSE GARDEN ROOM

1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

#### "The Poetry Corner"

Moderator: Gabriel Meyer

#### Poets

Elena Karina Byrne, Helene Cardona  
Brendan Constantine, John Fitzgerald  
Charlotte Innes, Judy Kronenfeld  
Sarah Maclay, Gabriel Meyer  
Dora Beale Polk

#### MAIN FLOOR

#### AUTHOR TABLES

12:45 p.m.—2:10 p.m.

Paul Bienvenue, Broos Campbell  
Judy Cook, Konrad Gatien and Sreescanda  
Robert Masello, Jennie Nash  
Ethel Pattison, Katherine Poehlmann  
Stacy Shotsberger Russo, Mike Schaadt  
Ed Mastro

2:15 p.m.—3:25 p.m.

Jonna Doolittle Hoppes, Christiane Jory  
Joanne Poyourow, Lloyd Segal  
Deirdre Shaw, Jason Song  
Sandy Tolan

#### Poets Table

Dora Beale Polk, Brendan Constantine  
John Fitzgerald, Helene Cardona

3:45 p.m.—4:45 p.m.

Joan Del Monte, Hannah Dennison  
Anne Black Gray, Leslie Klinger  
Harley Jane Kozak, Morgan St. James  
Pamela Samuels -Young, Jeri Westerson  
**Poets Table**  
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