



Elissa Catherine Corydon

June 1, 1949 - June 28, 2025

Elissa Catherine Corydon, 76, passed away peacefully at home on June 28th, surrounded by her family — and, of course, her beloved Australian Shepherds. Elissa was a devoted wife, sister, mother, auntie, grandmother, and friend.

After raising her children, Elissa returned to a long-held passion and enrolled in nursing school, a path she had begun exploring before moving to America. She graduated at the top of her class, serving as class president, and went on to a meaningful career at Loma Linda Hospital. She worked first in the NICU and later in oncology, where she touched countless lives with her care and compassion.

Her passions extended far beyond her career. She was a wonderful cook and a talented gardener, she ran a marathon, and she was a spirited sports fan — especially when her children, grandchildren, or their friends were involved.

In retirement, she poured her energy into causes close to her heart and continued to care for her family and dogs with unwavering love. Though she spent the last 50 years in the U.S., her heart never left New Zealand, the place she always considered home.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to The ALS Association, Aussie Rescue SoCal, or Assistance League.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (Pst)

Preston and Simons Mortuary
3358 Mission Inn Ave
Riverside, CA 92501
(951) 683-7410
<https://www.preston-simonsmortuary.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ I remember she used to scoff at rene and and pinch or slap him pretty hard in this very unique way that almost seemed like rude or like she was seriously mad but then you would realize that it was a communication of love that was shown only to our family (i think) at christmas or thanksgiving it seemed. It's hard to explain but she used boot him pretty hard and then you'd be like holy crap are they alright and then you'd see how rene received it and u knew it was just a quirky showing of love between a strong influencial couple. They taught me me and showed me so much and I hope my auntie knew how much I loved and valued her .

Sean Corydon - September 19, 2025 at 09:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elissa Catherine Corydon.

July 11, 2025 at 01:18 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elissa Catherine Corydon.



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“ Christopher O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elissa Catherine Corydon.

Christopher O. - July 10, 2025 at 11:48 PM

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“ With love, Erna, Tricsha, Darius Fatakia purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Elissa Catherine Corydon.



With love, Erna, Tricsha, Darius Fatakia - July 10, 2025 at 11:36 AM

YF

“ Your VTRL family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elissa Catherine Corydon.

Your VTRL family - July 08, 2025 at 11:54 AM

YF

“ Your VTRL family purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Elissa Catherine Corydon.



Your VTRL family - July 08, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ To Lissa, you have been such a splendid friend and neighbor for oh so long. I will treasure our friendship forever. To Rene, Ian, Stephen, and Andrew: you already know what a fine person Lissa was. I share in your grief, and I'll hold you in my heart. I will try to be there for the memorial. Love, Debbie

Deb Saia - July 02, 2025 at 08:27 PM

EL

“ Never got to meet you but you certainly were in my thoughts from my earliest memory as the aunty I was named after. I re read our messages and funniest thing.....I too will (hopefully) finish nursing school by the time I'm 50 x crazy hey!!! Till we meet, may you enjoy the beauty and send loads of love to your family ☐ 🥰 in my heart forever xox

elissa - July 02, 2025 at 07:07 PM