

Louis Eugene Saso [View/Sign Guest Book](#)

Louis Eugene Saso passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 7th, 2005 at his home in Santa Cruz. He was 89 years young.

Born Feb. 16, 1916 in Portland, OR, Louie moved to San Jose when he was 12. In the 1930's along with his two brothers, Louie started a wholesale produce business. In the late 1940's Louie set out on his own to form Hayward Produce delivering fruits and vegetables to neighborhood

grocery stores.

In the early 1960's Louie transitioned from running his produce business to co-owning and managing River Grove Park campground in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Louie and the family relocated to Saratoga in 1962. It was there that Louie's love for the earth and his love for gardening took bloom. In 1974 Louie and his wife Virginia opened Saso Herb Gardens, a world-renowned garden featured in numerous books, newspapers and magazines.

Louie shared his passion for gardening and herbs with many thousands of people by opening up his home for classes, workshops and tours.

"Papa Louie" had a large and loving family including his loving wife of 63 years, Virginia, 8 children, 17 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

In celebration of Louie's life, services will be held Friday August 12th at 7:30 p.m. at Pacific Gardens Chapel, 1050 Cayuga St., Santa Cruz.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday August 20th at 12 noon at Holy Cross Church, 126 High St., Santa Cruz.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Louie's name to the Cabrillo Stroke Center, 501 Upper Park Rd., Santa Cruz, CA. 95065.

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