

# Helen J. Taylor

1931 - 2024



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August 18, 1931 - April 21, 2024

Sacramento, California - "They who came to

California were not the self-satisfied, happy and content people, but the adventurous, the restless, and the daring." *Joan Didion, Where I Was From.*

Helen "Jane" Taylor passed away on April 21, 2024 in Sacramento, California after a brief illness. A native of Detroit, Michigan and graduate of Wayne State University, Jane taught for four years in the Detroit school system. Always curious about the world around her with a zest for adventure, she came to California in 1955 as a Summer Session student at UC Berkeley. By the end of the summer, she made the decision to move to Southern California where she taught for the Pomona Unified School district. In 1957 Jane met her husband, Jim Taylor and married in 1959. The proud mother of three daughters, Jane instilled a love of reading and always learning. Almost every weekend was spent exploring new places, restaurants, theater or museums. Jim and Jane eventually moved their family up north to the Sacramento area, where she completed her Master's Degree in Education at CSU Sacramento and taught for the Washington Unified School District in West Sacramento as a Special Education Teacher. She was a wonderful mother, friend, and educator who showed her daughters how to be open and curious about the world around them.

Preceded in death by her husband, parents, and brothers George and Paul. She is survived by her daughters, Anne, Susan, and Mary, her brother Don Pentecost (Nila), sister-in-law Margaret Pentecost, and nieces and nephew. The family wishes to thank Dr. David Patella for his years of care as her physician.

Donations can be made in her name to the Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

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