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Joan Freitas Favors



Joan Freitas Favors died peacefully Feb. 2 in Anacortes, Washington with her daughter by her side.

Joan was born to Albina and Archie Freitas on Aug. 16, 1929 in Oakland, California. She and her two older brothers, Robert and William, grew up in Oakland and spent their summers at the family cabin in Pinecrest. Joan attended Holy Names High School, and graduated with a degree in education from Stanford University in 1951. Shortly after graduation she married Arch Monroe Favors (Jack) and began her life as matriarch of a large and boisterous extended family in Lafayette, California. Together they had five children, John, Gregory, Mary, Billy, and Jane. Joan inspired them all with a lifelong love of the family cabin in Pinecrest and time spent at the beach in Monterey. Later she was blessed by her six grandchildren, Jeremy, Tia,

Lindsay, Alex, Jackie and Trevor, and her great-grandchildren, Zoe, Mackenzie, Jackson, Mason and Heath and soon to be great great-granddaughter.

Joan was a devoted parishioner of St. Perpetua's Catholic Church. She volunteered teaching Catechism, Great Books and later was active in many of the church functions. She was also a long-standing member of her book club and investment club. Later she became an avid antique dealer.

Joan was loving and devoted to her family and her friends. After the sale of the family home in Lafayette she moved to Anacortes, Washington to live with her daughter Jane and grandchildren Jackie and Alex. She enjoyed many trips with her grandchildren and dogs travelling to Canada, Yellowstone, Jackson Hole, the Cascades, Oregon and California. She enjoyed sitting in the sun and telling stories.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Jack, her parents Arch and Albina, her brothers Robert and William and many aunts and cousins. And though we are left with broken hearts we are blessed by her example of love, compassion and forgiveness.

Funeral Mass to be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 26 at St. Perpetua's Catholic Church in Lafayette.

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