



Dolores K. Crowley

October 20, 1930 - April 6, 2020

On Monday evening, April 6th, Dolores Crowley passed away quietly at her home in Napa. Dolores was born in Seattle on October 20, 1930 to Gerald and Margaret (Riordan) Crowley. She spent most of her childhood in Seattle except for a period of time in Norfolk, VA. where her father was stationed during World War II. Upon the family's return to Seattle, Dolores attended Ballard High School from which she graduated in 1948.

In the fall of 1948, Dolores entered the University of Washington. While there she joined Delta Zeta Sorority, and went on to earn her BA in 1952. Always adventuresome, she moved to San Francisco where she worked for Sears in the personnel department for several years. She enjoyed her life in the City and also her travels abroad during those years. In the late 50's, Dolores decided on a career change. She received a Ford Foundation Scholarship to prepare her for a career in secondary education. She began her teaching career in San Francisco, and then moved to Idaho to a small rural community. California beckoned her to return and she moved to Fairfield where she taught until she retired in 1995. Dolores liked being a teacher, enjoyed her students, and had many stories to tell about those happy years.

Dolores was a long-time member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary society for educators, and held many leadership positions in the society in her over 50 years of membership. Dolores loved to cook ala Julia Child, a good book, visiting museums, and living in Napa. She maintained relationships with family and friends throughout the country.

Predeceased by her parents and her beloved sister, Dorothy Bledsoe in 2014, she is survived by her cousins—James {Sandy} Riordan and family in Dumfries, VA.; Thomas (Diane) Riordan and family in Seattle; and Paul (Jeanine) Riordan of Marysville, WA. Dolores is also remembered by many friends, colleagues, and students.

At her request, no service is planned. Her ashes will be scattered at sea at a later date. Memorials may be sent to Collabria Hospice or Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship Program (Marilee Snider, Treasurer, 3233 Formby Lane, Fairfield 94534).

Tribute Wall



“ *Dolores K. Crowley*

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“ *Dolores K. Crowley*

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“ *Dear Dolores's family,
I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Dolores, this wonderful lady friend of mine. My condolences to you all. We live off of Garfield lane and when I sold her, her unit, we were able to see each other more often and just chat and have iced tea. I remember how hard she worked on organizing some of Dorothy's paperwork and filings after she passed away a few years ago. Then she was proud to tell me that she was doing a lot of work to organize her own files, so it won't be a burden on others after she was gone.... May her soul rest in peace.*

*Farrah Garber,
707-337-8135*

Farrah Garber - April 27, 2020 at 05:02 PM



Dorothy was a ray of sunshine when she entered a room. I am honored to have known her. Dorothy made the world a better place through her many students and people she influenced. She lives on in our hearts.

Judith Moore

Judith Moore - April 29, 2020 at 01:15 PM

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Oh Dolores, I'm gonna miss you & our family friendship...all our holidays together & great conversation around your kitchen table.... Tyler, Trevor & I loved you dearly, I'm blessed to have watched over you these last few months, I'm sure your in heaven with my Mom now...Much love Jeana Skivington & family ❤️

jeana skivington - April 29, 2020 at 02:49 PM