



## Helen Spooner Kilbourne

October 29, 1926 - July 29, 2017

Helen Spooner Kilbourne passed away Saturday in a local hospital. She was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan and lived in the East Bay since 1963. Her parents were Charles W. & Emily C. Spooner. Helen grew up in Glencoe, Michigan Illinois and enjoyed sailing with her family on Lake Michigan Leelanau when vacationing in Leland, Michigan.

Helen worked in the medical field for 25 years as a medical assistant for a general surgeon and also as an ER admissions clerk for Los Medanos Community Hospital.

Her hobbies consisted of charcoal artist and acrylic painter painting, woodworking, sewing, gardening, antique shopping, crosswords, murder mystery books and she was an avid cat lover (taking in stray cats for more than 50 years).

Helen is survived by her son Charles (Dale) Kilbourne; granddaughter Lauren and one great-granddaughter Kadence. She was preceded in death by her son Stuart.

At her request no services will be held. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Tony LaRussa's Animal Rescue Foundation, Walnut Creek, CA



# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Spooner Kilbourne*

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“ *My memories of Aunt Helen start when I lived across the street from the Kilbournes when they moved to Sullivan, Indiana. She was not my Aunt Helen by blood but was the Aunt of my best friend. She and I grew very close and she was like a second Mother to me. I was at The Kilbourne home more than my own. I learned a lot about cooking and to this day, over 55 years ago, make many things she taught me. I learned about sewing, she was quite a wonderful seamstress. And I learned how to take care of 2 sweet little boys for whom I babysat, Charlie and Stuart.*

*In the summer of 1963 they moved to California and I can still, in my mind, seeing them pulling out of the driveway. I was heartbroken.*

*I saw the Kilbournes several times since their move but the most memorable was on a trip to Hawaii with many members of the Hays/Spooner/ family for a special birthday celebration of Helen's nephew, and my best friend's brother. We got to reconnect and spend time together for over a week. A great memory and a wonderful time with all my extended family.*

*Thoughts, prayers and hugs to Charlie and Dale,*

*Jean Smith McMahan*

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**Jean McMahan** - August 04, 2017 at 03:13 PM