



Katharine Prout MacKinnon

August 12, 1938 - September 24, 2014

Katharine died at Kaiser Hospital in Vallejo after an 8-year battle with pulmonary fibrosis. She was born to Helen Coombs and Benjamin Hickam and raised in Waynesboro, Virginia. She was a graduate of the College of William & Mary with an ESL degree from the University of Hawaii and worked as a teacher and educational administrator. She married Bill Prout, a Naval Academy graduate, and lived as a military wife in Libya, Arkansas, Texas, Colorado, Virginia, Japan and Hawaii. She settled in Benicia, CA, but un-retired to teach English for the Peace Corps in Lithuania. She remarried one of Bill's Naval Academy classmates, John (Jack) MacKinnon, continuing to travel internationally while also being a master gardener with a love for roses and an active member of the community working with the American Red Cross, The Friends of the Library, Benicia Friendship Club, St. Vincent DePaul Society and St. Dominic's Parish. She also loved to quilt and knit and play violin.

She was preceded in death by her infant son Steven and first husband Bill. She is survived by her current husband Jack MacKinnon, brother Wade, sisters Eileen Margaret and Mary Benjamin, sons Skip and Stuart, daughter Suzanne Stone and grandchildren Gibson and William Stone.

Visitation will held Tues. 9/30 at the Passalacqua Funeral Chapel in Benicia from 3-7pm with Vigil services at 7:00. A Mass of Christian Burial will held the

next day at St. Dominic's Church at 11am. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Dominic's are appreciated. She will be buried in Waynesboro, VA.

Tribute Wall



“ *Katharine Prout MacKinnon*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Several years ago I enjoyed getting acquainted with Kathy while hiking with the Adventure hikers out of Vallejo, on Thursdays. I enjoyed hearing about her plans and then about her experience teaching English in Lithuania with the Peace corps. She was definitely an adventurer. I did not know that she has been active with the Red Cross, as my husband and I are now, responding to those displaced by house fires in Solano County. I am saddened that Kathy is no longer with us and send my sympathy to Jack and her family. Sandra Collister*

Sandra Collister - October 01, 2014 at 04:19 PM



“ *My husband and I had the privilege of working with Kathy in St. Vincent de Paul and she was a lovely lady. We are so sorry and send love and sympathy to the family.
Ron and Ann Pearman*

Ann Pearman - September 28, 2014 at 09:08 PM

LS

“ I only met Katharine a couple of times - she is the aunt of my step-daughters Blair and Cici Stanford. But I do have a very special memory. Katharine proudly introduced me to her Moon Garden - which was an area of very fragrant white night-blooming flowers. I had never seen anything like this before, and it inspired me for many years to come in my own plantings. It is indeed a special memory I have of her.

Condolences to her husband, brother, sister and children, and special wishes to Blair and Cici and the Tuttlés. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Laurel Stanford with daughter Katia Stanford (half-sister of Blair and Cici) and her husband, Tim Bucklin

Laurel Stanford - September 28, 2014 at 09:05 PM

LM

“ I met Kathy while waiting for the Ferry in San Francisco last December. We started talking and she graciously invited me to the Benicia Friendship Club (even though I no longer live in Benicia). It was an invitation extended at the right time for me. My husband had been battling cancer and I needed to get out of the house and be with people again. She was such a warm friendly person. I knew her a short time, but she impacted my life. I'm sure she will be terribly missed by all.

Linda Mellor

Linda Mellor - September 27, 2014 at 09:15 PM

BS

“ How lucky am I to have had Katharine as my aunt all these years. What a thoughtful, generous, energetic and kind woman who was always thinking of and doing things for others. She was the glue that held our extended family together. I will miss her dearly. My deepest sympathies to Jack, Suzanne, Skip and Stuart.

Blair Stanford - September 27, 2014 at 08:16 PM

ME

“ Kathy was always a gentle lady, and a wonderful giving person. She was such an active participant for St. Dominic's Parish community. Gone far too soon. We send our love and sympathy to the family members.

Bill and Marie Earp

Marie Earp - September 27, 2014 at 02:36 PM