



## Laurene Risberg

December 26, 1939 - November 14, 2012

Laurene Risberg, 72, passed away Wednesday at her home following a courageous battle with lung cancer. She was born in San Jose, CA., and has lived in Benicia since 1969. Laurene worked as an Office Technician for the Benicia Unified School District for over 29 years before retiring in 2000. She was an avid golfer and former Board of Director with the Benicia Golf Association. She also was active with the Vallejo Choral Society. She was the first woman member of the Benicia Lions Club; weekend manager of Ranch Benicia Mobile Home Park and member of the BERT Team of Benicia (Benicia Emergency Response Team). She enjoyed camping, golfing, bocce ball, playing cards, ceramics and going to the symphony.

Laurene loved spending time with her family, grandchildren and friends, all who remember her "lopsided and quirky sense of humor" and her love of Halloween.

She was preceded by her parents, Whitney and Mary Heisch; brothers, Keith, Neil and Jordan Heisch, and her husband Gary in 2004. She met Gary on a blind date on Dec. 27, 1957, they were married Dec. 6, 1958 and later bought the first home built in Southampton in 1969.

Laurene is survived by her daughters, Rachel (Steven) DeFazio and Heather (Kevin) Cullum; brother, John (Sarah) Heisch; Ollie, her friend and companion since 2007; sister-in-law, Marleen Heisch; her grandchildren, Lauren, Nicholas, Jacob, Ryan, Kaitlin and Shane; four nieces; two nephews; many great nieces and nephews and her first great grandchild coming in January.

Laurene was a devoted mother, grandmother and friend. She never lost her sense of humor or spirit during her illness.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel with Pastor Phil Green officiating. Celebration of life immediately following at Benicia Community Center, 370 East L St., Benicia. Family prefers donations to Hospice of the East Bay, 3470 Buskirk Ave., Pleasant Hill.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Laurene Risberg*

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“ *So sorry for your loss. I loved Laurene, my friend, and coworker. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as we go through our terrible grief in losing Tobe as well.*

*Love,  
Jan Tobias*

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