



Virginia Ann Schaefer

March 21, 1931 - April 25, 2012

Virginia A. Schaefer, 81, of Benicia, CA passed away April 25. She was born and raised in Berkeley, and spent many years living in Contra Costa County before moving to Benicia 15 years ago. She also enjoyed her second home in Bodega Bay.

A gifted teacher, she will be remembered by hundreds of former students from gifted and talented summer schools and at Mt. Diablo Unified School District's Science Center. Her instructional methods expanded the minds and appreciation for science for all her students. She also supervised student teachers several years through UC Berkeley and finished her career working in the MDUSD homeschool program.

Virginia enjoyed flying her 1947 Stinson airplane all over the US. It can still be seen at Buchanan Field Airport to which she donated it after years of service on the aviation advisory committee. She traveled extensively in six continents. She had an amateur radio license for around 60 years.

Her parents Edward and Virginia Reinke, brother, Charles Reinke, and half sister Pat Griffin preceded her. She will be lovingly remembered by children Theresa Jenson of Oakridge, OR, Cassandra Girard of Silverado CA, and Nicholas Schaefer of Sterling, CO, grandchildren Angelina Godchaux, Melanie Lerman, Jaya Girard, Alex Schaefer, Natalie Schaefer, and great grandson

Isiah River Godchaux.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later time. Memorials in her honor may be made to savemountdiablo.org

Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Ann Schaefer*

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“ *My name is Vikki Chavez. I have known Virginia for many years. I was her hairstylist, friend. She loved her family so much and I feel like I knew a little about them thru her. The road trips to the state capitols all over with grand children as well as her visits to her children. I met her when she was doing home school teaching. She kept making trips to see me after moving to Benicia, thru loss of her brother, and her friend in Benicia. She loved wearing beautiful turquoise jewelry. Nothing made her happier than family gatherings on the coast and the parties like her birthday. She was so proud of her family. She will be missed by us at Charisma. She said her goodbye when her daughter brought her to see me for a very short haircut. She was kind, and beautiful as always. I miss her.*

Vikki Chavez - April 30, 2012 at 10:22 AM