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**Ellen Jo Orcutt** 

#### **Christian Hygelund** Dies after head-on **Crash near Foxworthy** and Jarvis Avenues in Willow Glen

Police believe 81-year-old Los Gatos man was driving drunk

#### **By Sean Eastwood**

Times staff writer second driver has died from injuries suffered in a violent head-on crash Saturday, November 25 that initially killed a San Jose woman after he veered into oncoming traffic on a Willow Glen street, and investigators now suspect he was allegedly drunk at the time.

The fatal collision was reported around 2:35 p.m. a man driving a white 2018 GMC Yukon east on Foxworthy Avenue was approaching Jarvis Avenue and tried to pass a green 2018 Subaru Forester but instead hit the Subaru.

That caused the GMC to travel into on-coming westbound traffic and crash head-on into a blue 2012 Honda CR-V.

The woman driving the Honda died at the scene; she has been identified by the Santa Clara County Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office as 74-year-old Ellen Jo Orcutt of San Jose.

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Splashworks owner Eric Nelson said vandalism and break-ins have gotten worse in downtown Willow Glen. Photo by Annalise Freimarck.

#### **Vandalism in** downtown Willow Glen on the rise

**By Annalise Freimarck** 

San José Spotlight

illow Glen is known for its quaint charm and affluent San Jose neighborhoods, but a surge in crime is making local businesses uneasy.

Downtown Willow Glen, a small strip of shops along Lincoln Avenue, has experienced about 30 reports of vandalism and theft since June, according to San Jose Police Depart-

Some of those incidents included more serious burglaries. The data includes two incidents at Icicles and Ume Tea early this month, or a break-in at Sushi Arashi last month.

Those numbers pale in comparison to other areas like Santa Clara Street in downtown San Jose, with about 70 reports of break-ins and thefts between North Almaden Boulevard and South Eighth Street in the same time

Local Willow Glen business owners said the uptick in vandalism and break-ins has them on alert for property damage. These petty crimes don't often result in significant theft, a pattern businesses note as odd, but still cause damage.

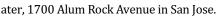
An Icicles employee told San José Spotlight the person who broke in earlier this month was likely looking for shelter in the ice cream shop, after shattering the door and taking some cereal. It was a similar story in August, when someone on a bicycle hurled rocks through about six shop doors and windows, including kitchen and bath showroom Splashworks.

Eric Nelson, Splashworks owner, had to See VANDALISM, page 3









#### **San Jose Youth Symphony** presents its 2025-26 **Season Opener Concert to** be held November 30

The Philharmonic Orchestra performs Wagner, Elgar, Shankavaram, Borne and Borodin

**■**he San Jose Youth Symphony's Philharmonic Orchestra, under the artistic leadership of Music Director and Conductor Yair Samet, presents its 2025-26 Season Opener Concert to be held on Sunday, November 30, 2025, 5 p.m. at the Mexican Heritage Plaza The-

The orchestra will open with Wagner's splendorous and ravishing Prelude to Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg, along with the world premiere of an orchestral work, Leela, by our orchestra's concertmaster and composer, Saarthak Shank-avaram. The orchestra will close the concert with Borodin's exciting Polovtsian Dances.

This concert will also feature two winners from last season's 2025 Young Artists' Competition, proudly sponsored by the San Jose Symphony Foundation\*. Outstanding young soloists, Elspeth Luu, will perform Elgar's famous Cello Concerto in E minor, and Claire Kim, will perform Borne's Carmen Fantasy for Flute and Orchestra.

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#### **Times Community News**

Ume Tea's door was recently

shattered in Willow Glen.

Photo by Annalise Freimarck.

#### **Vandalism**

Continued from page 1 shell out about \$750 to replace his glass door. He said these inexplica-

ble instances appear to be on the rise in the quiet community bordering downtown San Jose. He added

police haven't caught the vandal who destroyed his door and pedaled away.

Nelson isn't sure what the police can do to prevent vandalism but said it's a real issue in the neighborhood.

"You could say, 'Hire more cops,' but that

means you have to have a cop on every street and every little business district and then what happens to the homes and cars that get vandalized?" Nelson told San José Spotlight.

A San Jose Police Department spokesperson said the department responds to crimes based on their threat level to life or property. Several department representatives recently attended a Willow Glen Business Association meeting to discuss best practices for crime prevention.

"SJPD works closely with local businesses and community partners to help keep our neighborhoods safe places to live and do business," the spokesperson told San José Spotlight. "We rely on accurate reporting from the community so we can clearly identify issues and address them effectively together."

Businesses have already been boosting security, including Footwear etc., next to Sushi Arashi.

Assistant Manager Melissa Horn said the store anticipates at least one break-in a year since it opened about two decades ago. She said the store is now scheduling two employees to close, rather than one, for safety when it gets dark. Horn added the store doesn't keep much cash in the register, and people who break in often don't steal inventory.

"We're preparing," Horn told San José Spotlight. "Eventually, unfortunately, it's gonna happen."

Anyone caught stealing can expect to face harsher penalties thanks to Proposition 36, which voters statewide approved last year. The legislation, which received broad support from San Jose officials, brought back felony charges for some thieves who steal property or money equal to \$950 or less.

Still, District 6 Councilmember Michael Mulcahy said the Willow Glen community needs more enforcement and preventative measures to mitigate the crime uptick. Mulcahy represents the small neighborhood, and his family owns much of the real estate along Lincoln Avenue. He said it's personal to him because he grew up in San Jose, adding his office is working with police and the business association.

"Theft and vandalism hurt, not just financially, but emotionally. These awful acts can shake a business owner's sense of security and impact community trust," Mulcahy told San José Spotlight. "But time and again, I see resilience — business owners, neighbors and police working together to look out for one another, and that's exactly how we'll keep this

community strong." The crimes are also concerning residents who love their neighborhood.

Joshua Watson-Mitchell, who's lived off Lincoln Avenue for about three decades, said SJPD needs to be held accountable for not patrolling the area as regularly as he thinks it should. He said crime in the neighborhood is a sore spot for residents, adding he had to call

the police about a man on his roof.

"It's just seeing a cop going by every couple hours so that (criminals) know there's a presence of the police department," he told San José Spotlight. "I don't think it's really fair for the community to have to organize neighborhood watches and do all these things that the police department should be doing."





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**Times Local News** 

#### 60th Anniversary Season of The Original San José Nutcracker, performing December 13–21

By William Bellou

Publisher

an Jose Dance Theatre proudly presents the 60th Anniversary Season of The Original San José Nutcracker, performing December 13–21, 2025, at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts.

San Jose Dance Theater's milestone year marks a joyful celebration of tradition, artistry, and community as the longest-running holiday production in Silicon Valley continues to inspire audiences of all ages.

This year's Nutcracker will feature many beloved favorites, along with exciting new touches from Artistic Director and esteemed choreographer Nicole Haskins, marking her first Nutcracker with San Jose Dance Theatre.

A celebrated dance artist with a deep passion for storytelling through movement, Haskins shares, "Nutcracker is my favorite time of year, and I'm honored to contribute my vision to a production that has

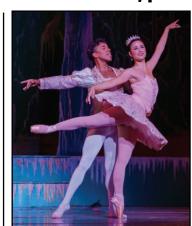
meant so much to generations of San Jose families. It's a privilege to carry forward the legacy while adding new layers of magic for our 60th season."

Featuring local guest artists in principal roles, the production proudly continues a beloved tradition begun by SJDT's founders — bringing together professional dancers and students to share the stage in a celebration of mentorship, artistry, and community spirit.

Audiences will be transported into Clara's dream filled with shimmering snow, marching soldiers, mischievous mice, and the dazzling Sugar Plum Fairy — all brought to life by more than 100 dancers from San Jose Dance Theatre's Academy and accompanied by the Cambrian Symphony, conducted by Scott Krijnen.

#### New for the 60th Anniversary: Festive Theme Nights

To celebrate six decades of holiday enchantment, San Jose Dance



Theatre invites audiences to take part in the magic by dressing up and joining in the fun at special themed performances throughout the season:

• December 13 @ 2:00 PM - Sweaters & Sparkles Matinee

Break out your ugliest sweaters or glitteriest attire for a festive afternoon of holiday cheer.

• December 13 @ 7:30 PM – Alumni Night

A homecoming celebration for dancers, families, and supporters who have kept this cherished tradition alive.

• December 14 @ 2:00 PM – Candyland Matinee

A sweet treat for families — enjoy colorful décor, themed concessions, and candy cane surprises!

• December 20 @ 2:00 PM - Tutus & Tiaras Matinee

Perfect for little ballet fans — dress as your favorite Nutcracker character and join in the sparkle!

• December 20 @ 7:30 PM - Family Pride Night

Celebrate inclusiveness and joy

for all families, featuring a pre-show meet and greet with Mother Cupcake, performed by local celebrity and professional drag artist No One.

• December 21 @ 2:00 PM – Storybook Sunday

A whimsical afternoon celebrating the tale behind the ballet, with lobby storytelling and a digital readalong.

These exciting theme nights invite the community to embrace the fun, dress the part, and become part of San Jose's most magical holiday celebration.

#### **Honoring a Legacy of Generations**

For 60 years, The Original San José Nutcracker has united generations of dancers, families, and audiences. Many alumni who once performed as young students now return with their own children, carrying forward a legacy of artistry and tradition that began in 1964.

"This production has been part of San Jose's cultural fabric for six decades," says Executive Director Elizabeth Sweeney. "We are deeply grateful to our community for making The Nutcracker part of their holiday tradition — year after year, generation after generation."

Guests can also enjoy festive lobby activities, including live carolers, a holiday boutique, and exclusive VIP experiences like backstage tours and character meet-andgreets.

#### Performance & Ticket Information

Dates: December 13-21, 2025

Location: San Jose Center for the Performing Arts, 255 Almaden Blvd, San José, CA

Tickets: On sale now at www. sjnutcracker.com.









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After we leave the nursery, we will travel a short distance to the Grizzly Rock Café where you will have a buffet lunch of tri-tip steak, chicken, vegetables, potatoes, salad, rolls and iced tea. Coffee, soda, beer, wine and dessert will be available to purchase, cash preferred.

We will return to Almaden Community Center around 4:30pm.

Tickets are on sale, 8am to 10am M/W/F in the Almaden Community Center lobby. Cost of the trip will be \$80.00. Cash or check (sorry no refunds). Almaden Senior Association trips are for Active Adults 50+.

For more information contact Rich Sanders at 408 219-8641

#### **Times Community News**



#### AVCA hosts 4th annual 'Thankful Together Celebration' honoring Almaden volunteers November 10

Imaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) is hosting its 4th annual Thankful Together Celebration on Monday, November 10 at Westgate Church-South Hills, 6601 Camden Ave. starting at 7 p.m.

honoring volunteers who live in Almaden Valley and serve the community

throughout San Jose.

This year's honorees include students from Pioneer High School, birdbox managers who care for several hundred bird boxes that serve as nesting sites for the Western Blue Bird, volunteers who provide food for those in need, and the lead volunteer responsible for beautifying utility boxes in Almaden with murals.

Honorees will be on site to talk with you about their projects followed by the serving of various appetizers after a brief introduction of the honorees.

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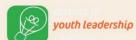


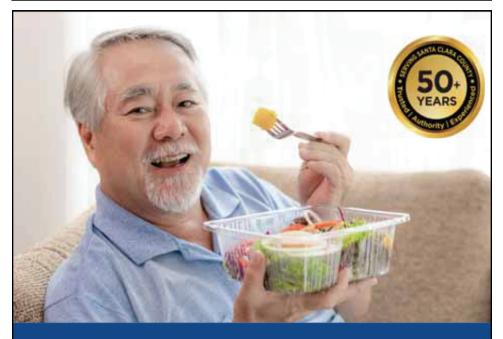
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#### **Times Community**

#### San Jose hires outsider as animal shelter director

By Annalise Freimarck
San José Spotlight

an Jose's animal shelter has a new leader, and the animal advocacy community is cautiously optimistic she can turn the facility around.

City officials recently announced Monica Wylie as deputy director of the Animal Care and Services division, which manages the San Jose Animal Care Center and the 12,000 animals it cares for annually.

Wylie has nearly 20 years of animal welfare experience, including six years as deputy director of the Humane Society for Tacoma, Washington and Pierce County. The city selected Wylie out of 27 candidates after a national search to fill the vacant position at the shelter, which advocates said has been dangerously mismanaged for too long.

"I'm inspired by the mission to provide a welcoming place for animals and those who care for them; to protect, educate, and serve the public; to develop programs that improve the lives of people and animals; and to create opportunities for our community and supporters to help us succeed," Wylie said in a statement.

Wylie, who holds a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Washington and a certified credential in animal welfare administration, has transformed shelters where she's worked. While at the Humane Society, she reduced pets' length of stay by 50% and increased the save rate of cats to more than 90% by implementing



**Monica Wylie** is San Jose's new deputy director of the Animal Care and Services division. Photo courtesy of LinkedIn.



Former employees and volunteers at the San Jose Animal Care Center are hopeful that new management will fix the shelter's problems. Photo by Annalise Freimarck.

a robust trap, neuter and release and foster program, according to a city news release.

Wylie has a big job ahead of her to regain community trust, including implementing recommendations listed in a scathing audit. The 2024 report found the San Jose shelter consistently housed about 200 animals more than its maximum capacity of 510. It also found animals kept in kennels with feces and a lack of written policies. The audit listed numerous recommendations to solve the issues by December this year.

In July, San José Spotlight revealed a pattern of retaliation against shelter employees and volunteers who spoke out against inhumane practices.

Animal advocates have mixed opinions on the new hire.

Courtney Ferro is a former animal care attendant who quit following a traumatic experience finding a dog strangling herself in the kennel. She said Wylie seems like a good fit after researching her qualifications, which are backed by Wylie's philosophy to prevent separating families and pets.

Ferro wants the shelter to succeed and said the hire is a good first step, but it doesn't address the community's desire to fully replace upper management, which advocates have wanted gone for years.

She said rebuilding trust with residents will be tough, but she's optimistic Wylie can revamp critical programs that have been scaled back — including the trap, neuter and release program.

"(Wylie's hiring) definitely gives us a peek into what a good outcome could be," Ferro told San José Spotlight. "But it's not really what we were asking for. It's hard to know what she will be able to do as one person."

#### Crash

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Police said the GMC driver was taken to a hospital with life-threatening injuries and was listed in critical condition. He died from his injuries Wednesday and has been identified by the coroner's office as 81-year-old Los Gatos resident Christian Herbert Hygelund.

Orcutt's brother, Marc Boyd, said she lived nearby and was driving to her bank to get money for her grandchildren when the crash occurred. Boyd said his sister had spent 35 years working for nonprofit groups helping families, homeless people and domestic violence survivors.

Orcutt's daughter also wrote on mom's GoFundMe page that contributions, after covering family expenses related to her death, will be donated to "charities, nonprofit organizations and churches that were close to her heart. Just as she would have wanted."

The crash now accounts for the city's 31st and 32nd traffic deaths of the year. San Jose recorded 44 traffic deaths at the same point in 2024, according to data compiled by The San Jose Mercury News.

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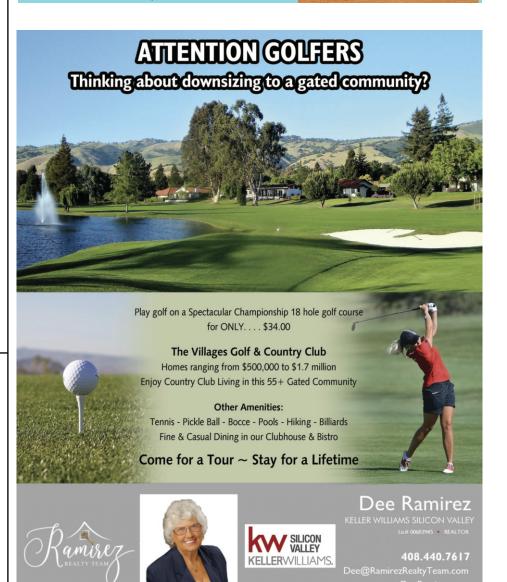


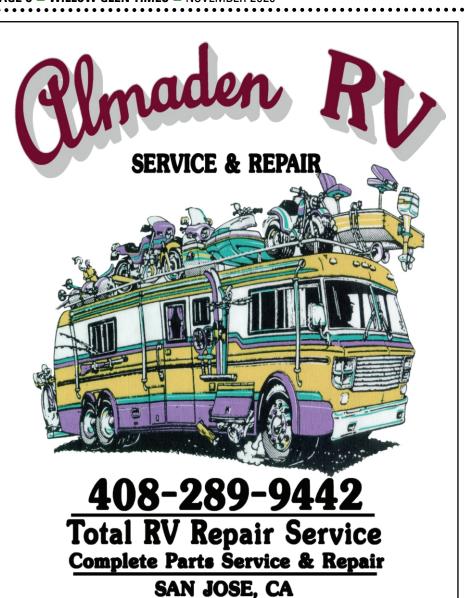
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You are invited to attend the next Almaden Senior Association meeting on Wednesday November 5th, 10am. At this month's meeting we expect to get an update from our District 10 city councilmember, George Casey plus information about helping your grandchildren get into the college of their choice.

The meeting will be held in the upstairs classroom 1 at the Almaden Community Center at 6445 Camden Ave. Come at 9:30am for snacks and to socialize before the meeting

#### Poinsettias Nursery and Lunch, Tuesday, December 2, 2025:

A bus trip to the Duarte Poinsettia Nursery in Hughson, CA (near Modesto). Come see 60,000 colorful poinsettias where they are grown. You can purchase them and take them with you. After visiting the nursery, we will go to the Grizzly Rock Café for an included buffet lunch. Depart ACC 7:45am. Return around 5 pm. \$80 Cash or Check. Contact Rich at 408-219-8641 for more information.

For events and trips, sign up M/W/F from 8 to 10am in the Almaden Community Center Lobby. All events and trips are for those 50 years and over. Payments are cash or check only, sorry no refunds.

#### **Almaden Senior Association**

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#### **Times Feature**

#### **Santa Clara County will create ICE-free zones**

**By Brandon Pho** 

San José Spotlight

anta Clara County leaders will establish SICE-free zones throughout Silicon Valley — raising physical barriers and locking gates to prevent federal immigration agents from unlawfully using county properties for surveillance and arrests.

The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday to follow Chicago's lead and create an inventory of vacant lots, garages and other county-owned spaces federal authorities might use for immigration enforcement without court orders. They'll also create signs warding U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents away from these properties — and make them available for county residents to use on private property.

It comes amid parallel efforts to establish a similar policy across San Jose city properties. District 5 San Jose Councilmember Peter Ortiz is expected to introduce the proposal at the city's Rules and Open Government Committee meeting Wednesday.

District 1 Supervisor Sylvia Arenas spearheaded the county proposal.

"The administration targets brown people in a way that's just so vile. We all have an immigration story," Arenas said before the vote. "I'm doing this for my parents, for my family and for my community."

The county's plan marks the start of a spreading, national movement to lock ICE out of certain areas after Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson signed an Oct. 6 executive order laying out the same rules. Meanwhile, Santa Clara County leaders have refined and expanded a three-stage plan to coordinate a counter-response to ICE raids. The plan received preliminary approval last month. It will escalate the county's responses based on the scale of local ICE activity — be it targeted arrests or raids on schools or grocery stores — to provide legal aid, family shelter, food, child care, health services and communication to residents.

ICE has conducted large-scale operations in cities such as Los Angeles and San Francisco since President Donald Trump took office earlier this year. Santa Clara County has not seen this level of crackdown so far. But fears of immigration raids have kept San Jose students from attending class and slowed foot traffic at Latino-owned businesses. Some undocumented residents have chosen to self-deport.

Scores of residents turned out to speak in support of the county's move at the meeting, mostly in Spanish. Some voiced hope the county's efforts might counteract the specter of the federal government. Others voiced concerns about an ongoing struggle to obtain legal representation. Most speakers praised county officials for taking the initiative.

"I'm a first generation immigrant myself and my family has been feeling the impacts of the threats coming in here," Lucila Ortiz, political director of Working Partnerships USA, said in public comment. "It's really heartwarming to see leaders like you passing items like this to make sure my family is

Officials generally acknowledged the efforts might have the federal government breathing down the county's neck. District 5 Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga asked whether the county could discuss its properties confidentially.

"I just want to make sure we're not doing anything to put a target on us," she said before the vote.

David Campos, a deputy county executive, said the county has to perform a balancing act.

"We're trying to be as transparent as we can with the public while also trying to protect the county and work with the board where appropriate," he said at the meeting. "There are certain pieces we're handling in a different way, a confidential way, as directed by the county (lawyers)."

County Executive James Williams said the county will have to adapt to match the unpredictable nature of the federal government's enforcement.

"What's happening is shifting daily, hourly," Williams said. "There's so much work in this space that by necessity has to remain nimble in order to be meaningfully responsive to what's happening on the ground."



#### **Times Community News**



# Make the nice list — donate blood this holiday season!

By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer

t's the season of giving, and there's no better gift than life-saving blood donations.

Throughout November, all Stanford Blood Center donors will receive a festive, collectible long-sleeve "Ugly Sweater" t-shirt, just in time for the winter celebrations.

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#### Times In Memory

#### **Anthony "Tony" Carl Raia**

Nov. 4, 1932 - Sept. 25, 2025 Resident of Willow Glen Unofficial mayor of Fairdell/ Knollwood neighborhoods

t is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Tony who leaves behind his loving wife of 46 years, Sherri, his adored children, Michael, Julie, Christian, son-in-law Erik, daughter-in-law Clarinda, his beloved dog Holly, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.



Tony was born in 1932, raised in Los Angeles and remained a loyal "Angels" baseball fan his entire life. He attended El Camino College where he was the star pitcher until the Korean War broke out and he was drafted.

He was sent to Trieste Italy to protect the Italian borders from Yugoslavia. While he

was there, he taught the Italian soldiers how to play American baseball.

When the war ended, he returned home and began working at IBM in downtown Los Angeles and subsequently transferred to San Jose where he retired in 1992. He was responsible for designing the prototype for the first computerized voting cards.

After retirement he enjoyed gardening, traveling with his wife, attending musical theatre, playing with his dogs, going to spring training in Arizona, visiting family and friends and supporting the Democratic Party.

He became the unofficial mayor of Fairdell/Knollwood in Willow Glen and spent every Christmas holiday passing out front lawn Christmas trees.

Tony will be greatly missed and long remembered for his kindness and thoughtfulness to everyone.

Donations can be made to your favorite charity in honor of Tony.

Services were recently held at St. Christopher's Church in Willow Glen followed by a celebration of life at Three Flames Restaurant.

#### Patricia Frances DeMarlo

Sept. 30, 1940 - Sept. 4, 2025 President of St. Christopher Church

Over 50's Club

(( o, if you are reading my obituary don't worry. You are not alone. I am

dead. I took my final trip on September 4, 2025, destination Heaven! I was born on September 30,1940 to the late Frank and Iosephine DeMarlo in San Francisco, CA. I was the second of two children and looked up to my older sister, Anna Rose DeMarlo."

Pat started kindergarten at Cupertino Elementary School, moved to San Jose to attend Horace Mann from 1st to 5th grade. Later

she moved to Marysville, CA and graduated in the 8th grade from Notre Dame. Pat moved back to San Jose and graduated from Notre Dame High School, class of 1958. Attended San Jose State and graduated in 1962 with a BA in Elementary Education. Sher earned her Master of Arts Degree in Administration Education in 1983 from Santa Clara University.

Pat was hired by Cupertino Union School District as a 4th grade teacher. She taught 25 vears at Serra School, Blue Hills and Collins then became a principal for four years at John Muir Elementary School, then went into district office and retired as Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. After Pat retired from Cupertino, she went to Santa Clara University where she was the Director of Administration Education Master's Program for 10 years. She also was the Coordinator for the Student Teaching Program.

Pat was honored three times for the outstanding teacher award from the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Young Teacher. Member of the Beta Sigma Phi where she was the president of Beta Sigma Phi San Jose City Council, President and Convention Chairperson of Northern California Council of BSP while receiving Woman of the Year Award, She was a member of Santa Clara University Catala Club where she held several board positions and chaired many fundraising events to support undergraduate scholarships. She was a member of the St. Christophers Catholic Church, where she served as a member of the Ladies Guild and served on the board for several years as well as served as President of the St. Christopher's Over 50's Club.

Most of all she loved being with family and

friends, playing cards and games with them. Pat loved the beach and Maui. She loved traveling and was lucky enough to have visited many places including Europe, Mexico, Japan, Caribbean, and the United States.

Pat's life was full with loving people and great times. Pat was known for her smile, laughter and humor. Family would like to express thanks to the caregivers

that helped them during the difficult time.

A Memorial Mass was recently held at St. Christopher Church, 2278 Booksin Ave. in Willow Glen.

Donations in Pat's name may go to Santa Clara University Catala Endowment Fund and/or St. Christopher's Over 50's Scholarship Fund.



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