

Kathryn Kline, 70 ✓**June 21, 1944 - Feb. 8, 2015**

ELK HORN — Kathryn Dee Kline "Kathy" was born on June 21, 1944 to Thomas and WillieD (Webb) Benton in Los Angeles, CA. This Golden California Girl was born and raised in Southern California and graduated from Dorsey High School in Los Angeles with the Class of 1961. She was an avid swimmer - competing in many AAU meets, and was the original "Gidget" with a deep love for the ocean and the beach. She was very active in her church, her high school sorority, and was a Job's Daughter. On a fun trip to Crestline, CA, in 1960, she met the love of her life, Verne Kline, during "The Stroll" line dance in a story fit for a movie. While they dated, she attended El Camino Community College in Torrance, CA, taught and coached swimming, and worked at a Savings and Loan.



September 7, 1963, Verne and Kathy were united in marriage at the Crenshaw Christian Church in Inglewood, CA. They moved to the San Fernando Valley where she continued working in the banking business until the birth of her daughters: Deborah (Debbie) and Jacquelyn (Jacqui). She then decided to become a homemaker and raise her girls. She was sassy, social, moral, kind, fierce, and full of fun! She would do anything for those important to her. "Chatty" Kathy and Verne have had many friends and adventures including a three month trip to Europe in their twenties, a move to Westport, CT in 1978 where she discovered a love for tennis, a move to Scottsdale, AZ in 1980 where she mastered tennis, made wonderful friends, enjoyed the sun and the outdoor lifestyle, to a move back to Pasadena, CA in 1986, where she continued to enjoy good friends, family, and vacations. Kathy and Verne retired and moved to Elk Horn in 2011 to join their daughter and son-in-law in running the Danish Inn. She loved being outside and passed her love of gardening, flowers, cooking, and baking on to her daughters. The most important thing to Kathy was her family. She had a wonderful relationship with her son-in-law Jeremy, and loved spending time with her granddaughters here in Iowa, Madelyn (Maddie) age nine and Mara age seven, and visiting the twins in California, Georgia and Eloise age two and a half. Kathy died on Sunday, February 8, 2015 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE, at the age of seventy years, seven months, and eighteen days.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband of fifty-one years Verne Kline of Elk Horn; daughters Deborah Kline of Santa Barbara, CA and Jacqui and her husband Jeremy Christensen of Elk Horn; four granddaughters: Madelyn and Mara Christensen and Georgia and Eloise Kline; sister Barbara Argue of Fresno, CA; other family members and many friends.

Pastor Guy Fisher officiated the 1:00 p.m. Memorial Service on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan. Helen Warren accompanied vocalist Tom Potts.

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