



# Billie Jan Green

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**B**illie Jan Green was born in Texas and made California her home for more than 50 years of her life. She raised three children, Mark Green, Linda Israel and Patrice Spangler, alone in a difficult era for single parent women. An independent and strong woman, she always had a youthful spirit and one may have guessed she was considerably younger in her later years. As a grandmother she never forgot a grandchild's birthday or missed an important holiday. Her interests included home decorating and gardening. More than one house in her home town of Redwood City and at least one apartment complex have benefitted from her green thumb. She is survived by her three children and 10 grandchildren. Predeceased by her husband Col. William Hosler.



## Tribute Wall

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JR

**Joyce Robins** posted:

Jan became my mom Ethel Larson's best friend. They knew each other the minute Jan moved in across the driveway. Mom first lived in the apartment behind Jan's, then later moved in with Betty Crum her oldest daughter. Jan would either call or come over each day and bring things to eat or just sit around and talk. I will never forget how wonderful and kind she was. Jan later became my best friend in 1992 after my only son past away from a tragic horse accident at the age of 13. Jan talked me through the grief process. After my mom died a few years ago, Jan and I became even closer. We would go online and she would tell me what furniture she wanted to buy. We would take an inventory and see what would work with her decor. We really did like to shop. Grandchildren was something she really knew inside and out. She really was proud and happy when they would call and want to come visit. Gardening and rescuing animals especially cats were her specialty. Yes, Christmas was special to Jan. We always sent each other beautiful cards. I never knew when her birthday was, but she knew mine and would send me cards as if I was her daughter. I will always remember and love her. May she feel the presence of God and not hurt anymore. Joyce & Jim Robins

October 5 at 3:01 PM

MS

**Morrie Sorrells** posted:

for sure. She loved fruit cake also.

October 2 at 3:22 PM

MS

**Morrie Sorrells** posted:

Jan will be long remembered by the Sorrells family as a friend and as a tenant at 535 Lincoln Avenue. Indeed her passion for flowers and gardening resulted in creating a beautiful front yard at the first apartment she occupied and later she enhanced the outside of her next one both in front and in the back yard. She was the first to welcome us when we came to stay next door and made sure we were included in her flowers and plants in front of our place as well as hers. She loved everything white in her apartment and dust or dirt were forbidden!! Her cats knew the rules too. Her love for her grandchildren was always on exhibit as she would tell where they were in their studies and of their accomplishments. And, of course, her devotion to her daughter, Linda, over the past few years was one of always being an advocate when she felt something was not being done—she was like a pit bull. Her strength and enduring hope were inspiring. LOVE to her family and devoted friend, Annie. Morrie Sorrells (and I speak for the rest of my family also)

October 2 at 3:19 PM



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MN

**Marty Reynolds (Nephew)** posted:

I will miss my aunt. She always had great family stories to share. Thank God for the resurrection!  
Marty Reynolds

September 29 at 11:43 AM

JG

**Jaime Green** posted:

My mother-in-law loved the Christmas season. She loved the decorations, the gift giving and receiving, and especially the idea of Santa Claus descending on Christmas Eve with a sleigh full of toys. She labeled gifts to grandchildren "from Santa" even when they were in their teens and stubbornly insisted that Santa is real. She will be in our thoughts this year.

September 29 at 8:53 AM

AN

**Annette** posted:

My deepest sympathy to each of you for your loss. When death overtake our loved ones, we feel helpless. We can take comfort in knowing that our heavenly Father is there to help us during this difficult time. He is close to the brokenhearted. Psalms 34:18

September 28 at 10:27 AM



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