



Lois Shewman Shouse

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Lois Shewman Shouse died on Saturday, March 4, 2023. She was 92 years old. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of almost 70 years, Robert (Bob), her daughter and son-in-law Loris and John van Ark, her son and daughter-in-law David and Mary Shouse, four grandchildren and the two great grandchildren that she joyfully was able to see come into this world in 2021. She is also survived by her dear sister Pam Borini. Lois and Bob lived an example of long lasting love and devotion to family.

Born in Missouri in 1930, Lois moved with her family to Southern California as a young girl. She met Bob in class at San Jose State University. They married in 1955 in Shreveport, LA while Bob was active in the Air Force. After Bob completed his service, they moved to the San Francisco Bay Area, settling in Belmont, CA where they raised their family. They most recently have lived in Sunnyvale.

Lois was a teacher by profession and calling, starting with her first class at the age of 19 with an emergency credential. She taught in all grades in elementary school but spent most of her years with the age she loved most, kindergarten. She was active with Alpha Delta Kappa—an honorary association for women educators where she worked to better her profession, mentor younger educators and support altruistic efforts in the community. She proudly celebrated 50 years with Alpha Delta Kappa, Beta Rho chapter in 2021.

Lois was a passionate photographer. She thoroughly documented every life event and wanted to see every picture anyone else took. She also was a photographic artist, striving for perfect shots of nature. Lois was active with the Peninsula Camera Club and the Northern California Council of Camera Clubs as a member, judge and frequent officer. She judged into her 90s reviewing submissions online and doing feedback via Zoom during the pandemic.



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A celebration of Lois' life will be held at the Congregational Church of Belmont—their church home for many years—on Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 1:00pm. She will be laid to rest at Skylawn Memorial Park in a small ceremony on Monday, June 12, 2023.



Events

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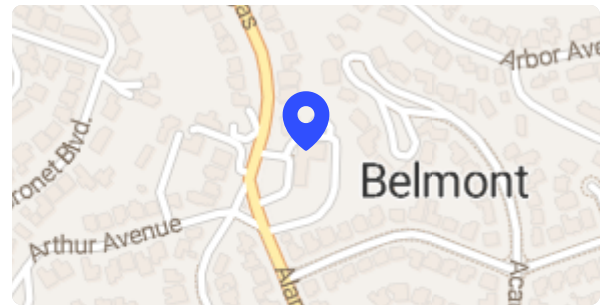
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Celebration of Life

Sunday, June 11, 2023

1:00 PM PT

Congregational Church of Belmont
751 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont CA 94002

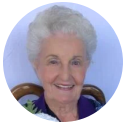


Cemetery Details

Skylawn Memorial Park
Hwy 92 at Skyline Blvd., San Mateo CA 94402

(650) 227-3142





Tribute Wall

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Terrie Dietrich posted:

I first met Lois in 1974 when my son, Greg Dietrich, was fortunate enough to start his learning journey in Lois's classroom. Lois was an amazing teacher who would become a wonderful friend. We shared so many memorable times together...I remember being so struck by the family vacation the Shouse's took in 1976 to commemorate our nation's 200th anniversary. Their travels covered all the historic spots in the East, and beyond and we loved hearing about those adventures. Our families did travel together...Mothers with their children and we had some great adventures of our own. I remember a trip to the Russian River, Dorene Campanile (Lois's classroom aide and friend to all) and her daughter Connie, Lois and David, and myself with my son Greg and daughter Erin. We stayed in a cabin which was owned by another Kindergarten teacher from the SSF School District. Our first evening as we all bedded down, there came a loud voice screaming, "the blood is gushing!". We sat up in fright only to see it was David who was dreaming and I don't believe the dream awakened him. It did the rest of the house! Lois was competitive, loved to play and liked to win. Who doesn't? We had rented a canoe and planned a canoe race on the Russian River. She approached me and asked if I had ever canoed before. I told her, "yes, I had" and she said, good we'll be a team. What I failed to mention was, Yes, I had canoed but I didn't know how to canoe. The race began, we were off...but didn't do too well. We went down the River in circles rather than a straight line. She was not happy with me and, by the way, we did not win. We did laugh about it after and it was a trip I will never forget. So many memorable moments with Lois & Bob and family. Even when we relocated to the East Coast we remained in touch and would visit when we were nearby. She was a truly special person with a very special family and she will be missed by all. Thank you Lois for all you did...you're stellar teaching, wonderful Christmas poems, your quick wit, your devotion to family and friends and for all the memories of the times we were fortunate enough to spend with you. You're greatly missed dear friend. We Love you, Terrie & Joel Dietrich

June 1 at 1:30 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Shouse family.



May 27 at 1:22 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Lois.



May 27 at 1:22 PM



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Erin Cross posted:

Dear Bob and Family, I met Lois when I was in fourth grade at McKinley School and my brother was in her Kindergarten class. We quickly became family friends even when we moved back east. I have fun memories of watching the kindergartners on rainy days with Connie, Chicken Salad lunches at her house, summer fun at Russian River, swimming in our pool, fun days at Santa Cruz and collecting commemorative quarters. We will cherish our memories and our condolences to you and your family! Erin Cross and Family

May 16 at 12:31 PM



Dorene Campanile posted:

Bob and Family, I met Lois her first year back to teaching at Pershing School. We became friends from the first day. She was loved by all. When Pershing was closed Lois went to McKinley School in Burlingame. I was very fortunate to work for her in the Kindergarten class, it was a perfect match. One Easter morning she called me to let me know the RATS were loose in the classroom, she knew I hated them. When I arrived for class the next day, Lois told me to stay away from the Piano, because that's where they all were. We got 5th grade boys to come down and corral them, and got them back in the cage. Lois had such compassion for the children and parents. Lois, Bob and family attended all our family functions at our home. We always looked forward to her Christmas letter, Lois wrote me a beautiful letter for my 50th Birthday, all of which I still have. She will be always be in my thoughts and heart. Lois made an impact on everyone she met, especially her Cherubs. May she rest in peace. Dorene

April 2 at 9:46 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lois by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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