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Linda Lou Sjoberg

November 29, 1938 – March 1, 2012

Linda Lou (Hutchins) Sjoberg, a 50-year resident of Orinda, CA, died March 1, 2012, after a short, painless battle with pancreatic cancer. She was 73. In her last days, close family and friends, and her loved Tibetan Terrier, Tally, gathered at her hospital bedside. She lived every day with vibrancy and joy. She was with her husband and children at the time of her passing.

Born in Nogales, AZ, she was the daughter of the late Newt and Cynthia Hutchins of Yuma, AZ.

After a 30-year teaching career, she retired from the Orinda School District in 1994. Displayed in her home is a cherished quilt, a gift pieced together with thirty blocks of artwork created by the students in her last class at Del Rey School. Wherever she traveled, she was remembered by former students saying, "You taught me in third grade and were one of my favorite teachers."

Known for her short salt & pepper gray hair, neat appearance, and the sparkle in her eyes, she was a treasured friend of many who shared her passion for life and love of learning. Her love of travel took her to six continents. Her favorite trip? "The next one!" A talented artist, her water color miniature botanicals and needlepoint evening bags were treasured gifts.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 51 years, Ellis Sjoberg; her son Kurt Sjoberg of Cedarville, CA; her daughter Lynelle Sjoberg of Vashon Island, WA; her son-in-law Ian Jamison, and her grandson Tayo Neal Sjoberg-Jamison.

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