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Marty DeJonghe May 17, 1939-Feb. 26, 2016



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A celebration of life will be held at the Lafayette Reservoir in honor of Marty DeJonghe, who died Feb. 26.

Marty was born in Oakland, CA on May 17, 1939. She is preceded in death by her parents, Edna and Harry Bruno, and her oldest brother, Dave, and survived by her youngest brother, Tom.

The loves of her life are her husband Tom DeJonghe, her son Mark DeJonghe and her daughter Nicole Benter, with Sherry (daughter-in-law), Jack (son-law), and grandchildren Merrick, Darby and Roxy, and her extended family for half a century: the Aakers. Her extended family was nicknamed "the DeJaakers."

Marty died at sunrise, which made sense because she lit up the lives of all those she came in contact with. She was a "magical" fourth-grade teacher in Orinda and touched countless children. She said, "If you can dream it, you can achieve it." Nothing was impossible for Marty.

Donations may be made in her honor to Friends of Wagner Ranch Nature Area, P.O. Box 821, Orinda, CA, 94563.

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