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## Avonia "Vonie" Marsh Dondero



Feb. 12, 1929 - Aug. 30, 2023

Avonia "Vonie" Marsh Dondero passed away on Aug. 30, 2023 at the age of 94. She was born in Berkeley, California, on Feb. 12, 1929. She attended Berkeley High School, fall class of 1946; University of California, class of 1951, and married Raymond Stevenson Dondero on Dec. 20, 1952. She was an Orinda resident from 1955 to 1997 and a Rossmoor resident since.

Vonie was a devoted mother, Chi Omega Sorority leader, accomplished ice skater, judge, and accountant, enthusiastic traveler, skilled weaver and seamstress, golfer, gardener, family genealogist and member of Daughters of the American Revolution.

Vonie was predeceased by her husband, Raymond Stevenson Dondero and her son, Steven Battaglia Dondero.

She is survived by her sister, Marilyn Marsh Wilson, daughter, Denise Dondero Schaffer, and son, David Edward Dondero, three grandsons, and five great-grandchildren, the most recent born just seven days before in a lovely reminder of the endless circle of life.

A private interment ceremony will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Orinda at a future date.

In memory of Vonie, contributions may be made to the "UC Davis Foundation," directed to the George Marsh Scholarship Fund (Department of Food Science and Technology) at: UC Davis Gift Administrator, 202 Cousteau Place, Suite 185, Davis, CA 95618.

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