

In Memory

Loretta Delinger

1931 - 2023



Loretta crossed over the Rainbow Bridge greeted by the countless dogs that have been waiting to greet the Trainer they have loved so much! She was born in Villa Park, Illinois, the eldest child of Dorothy and Ronald Soper.

Her brother, Retired USN CWO 3, Ronald E. Soper, lives in San Diego. In her early life she roller skated on a platform attached to the top of her aunt and uncle's car, as they performed throughout the Midwest Summer carnival scene. Loretta met her husband, Jack Delinger (pre-deceased) at these carnivals. They married and settled in Orinda. Loretta held dog training classes at the Orinda Community Center for nearly 40 years. A marching group of her students were a colorful addition to the Orinda 4th of July Parade for many years as "Loretta's K9 Good Citizens".

She became a world recognized Obedience and Rally Judge for various organizations, primarily the American Kennel Club (AKC) and she was instrumental in developing the sport of Rally Obedience when it was introduced by the AKC in 2005.

A gathering will be held in memory of Loretta on Sunday, October 29, from 2-4 p.m., in the Garden Room of the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda.

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Edward Lee Atwood

July 27, 1932 – Sept. 20, 2023



Ed Atwood was born in Sacramento to Edward Levi Atwood and Rega Theresa Huberty and made his first home in Walnut Grove. By 1940, the family relocated to the Stockton-Lodi area, where grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins were nearby.

Ed attended St. Rose Elementary and St. Mary's High at Assumption Cathedral before leaving Stockton to attend the University of Colorado at Boulder. Midway through his studies, he was drafted into the U.S. Air Force, spending two memorable years in Japan.

On his return, he completed his degree in industrial engineering at University of California, Berkeley. Most importantly, during this period, he met the love of his life, Rae Beth. They married the day after Christmas, 1959 and over the next 10 years, they had five kids and moved 10 times before settling down in Moraga in 1968.

He began his career at Continental Can Co. and worked in many plants in three coastal states. Ed was a member of St. Monica's since 1968 and was active in St. Vincent de Paul, Men's Fellowship, and the "Muffin Men". He also volunteered at California Right to Life and Casa Vincentia and was a member of "SIR's."

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Rae Atwood and his children; Ed Atwood (Sarah) of Seattle, Beth Atwood (Pleasant Hill), Michael Atwood (Jenny) of Stockton, Tom Atwood (Benecia), Kate Landers (Mike) of Saratoga and 12 grandchildren; Grace and Emily Landers, Chris, Anne-Marie, Patrick, Nicholas, Joseph, Julia, Lydia, Peter, John and Francis Atwood.

Friends and family are invited to attend a Memorial Mass at St. Monica's, 1001 Camino Pablo on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 9:45 a.m. Reception to follow in St. Monica's Peace Room.

A private burial will be held later at San Joaquin Catholic Cemetery, Stockton.

Moraga Community Service Day sets new records in volunteers and humanitarian aid

Submitted by Mike McCluer



Photos provided

The Moraga Community Service Day was a great success this year, with families and community members providing pride, spirit, and a great sense of giving from the volunteers who generously helped out.

There were 16 projects to choose from, with churches and businesses added to the event this year and over 700 hundred volunteers showed up to answer the call to "Care, Give And Connect."

One of the favorite projects involved families bringing their kids to paint messages and scenes of kindness on pots and rocks, and then donating them to local seniors.

Another favorite was assembling 1,341 Lady Bug Bags, which contain feminine hygiene products for unhoused women.

School projects were abundant, with Campolindo and Saint Mary's hosting projects inviting the community to come help in their sustainable gardens. The Moraga School District had beautification events at their three elementary campuses focused on weeding, cleaning and mulching, in addition to assembling 91 emergency containers for

classrooms.

Humanitarian projects included the assembling of 9,500 eyeglasses for donation to developing nations; donations of 674 items to Community Violence Solutions for victims of sexual abuse/domestic abuse; hand knitting 225 caps and scarves for patients of chemotherapy and the unhoused; 764 bags of clothing donations; 402 meals of food donations; 30 pints of blood donations; as well as gardening at the Commons and Rheem triangle for beautification.

Moraga Community Service Day is led by Community leaders Julie Parks (MSD), Andy Boggeri and Karla Juarez (Lions), Bobbie Preston, Katie Bidstrup (Chamber of Commerce), Larry Jacobs (Kiwanis), Janice Lieu (Garden Club), Wendell Baker (iKind), Ann Drevno (Saint Mary's), Brent Rubey (Campolindo) and Mike McCluer (Rotary).

Speaking for the group, Mike McCluer said; "This event represents months of meetings, new project ideas and discussions, project logistics, organization of resources, a comprehensive communication and engagement plan by these very busy community leaders with full-time jobs. It's incredibly rewarding to all of us to see the record volunteer turnout and the many ways in which we helped those in need, our schools and beautification of the community."

The impact of this Community Day will be felt beyond the city limits, as many of the projects involved international assistance.

PG&E Corporation Foundation donates \$100K to the Park Theater Renovation Campaign

Submitted by Tracey Karsten Farrell

The all-volunteer Park Theater Trust has received widespread support from individuals, local businesses, and family foundations for the Park's rebirth. With the generous donation of \$100,000 from the PG&E Corporation Foundation, the Renovation Campaign moves even closer towards its goal. The Foundation stated the contribution to TPTT was one of the largest they will make in the East Bay outside of Oakland this year.

This is a particularly significant grant because it recognizes just how much impact a reopened and re-envisioned Park Theater will have on the entire re-

gion. Corporate donations are critical to the success of this project, especially as government funding is scarce with no redevelopment funds available.

The board plans to start construction once they have received 80% of the renovation funds. They are almost halfway to the \$12 million campaign to purchase, protect, and renovate the Park into the community cultural resource the Trust envisions. To see the renderings of this transformational community-wide initiative and for more information on how to participate, visit <https://parktheatertrust.org/how-to-help/>.

It's goat shearing time with Lamorinda 4-H

Submitted by Stuart Schonfeld



Photo provided

Rachael Schonfeld (Left), Linnea Chang, Allison Curletto (right) with Beatrice before being sheared.

The Lamorinda 4-H Goat Club sheared three of their club's angora goats on Oct. 6. Angora goats are raised for their lustrous fiber called mohair and need to be sheared twice a year. Each goat can produce over five pounds of mohair a year. Much of that fiber is sold as finished specialty yarn at the Lambtown Fiber Festival in Dixon every October.

The local 4-H goat project is run by adult leader

Allison Curletto and the kids (human) learn the entire process, from Farm to Fashion. The group meets at Campolindo High School where many of the goats are housed. Rachael Schonfeld, a seventh-grader at Joaquin Moraga, sheared her 8-month-old goat Beatrice. Rachael raised Beatrice from 2 weeks old until she was old enough to live with the other goats at Campolindo's Garden.

Lamorinda 4-H Club President Chloe Haussman, a senior at Carondelet High School, sheared Totes. Miramonte High School student Linnea Chang, sheared Princess. Chang owns three of her own angoras at home and shows them each May at the Contra Costa County Fair. Campolindo students Sandro Curletto and Madeline Carpenter were also helpers for the day.

Goats are only one of more than dozens of fun projects for kids in Lamorinda 4-H. 4-H is the largest national nonprofit youth organization in the country. In addition to the hands-on learning the club prioritizes, 4-H fosters community service and youth leadership. 4-H is open to youth from 5-19 years old and offers STEM animal projects from goats and rabbits, to baking, bee keeping, and many more. To learn more, find them on social media Lamorinda4h or, to join 4-H, contact lamorinda@contracosta4h.org

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