

## Barbara Jensen-Bailey

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Barbara Jensen-Bailey passed away in her sleep on January 30, 2011.

A celebration of life will be held in her honor from 2:00-5:00 P.M. at her home at 35 East Fifth Street, Morgan Hill on February 26, 2011.



Born in 1934, in Yakima, WA and graduated from Grossmont High School (El Cajon, CA). Married Donald Jensen Sr. and traveled extensively as part of a military life. While stationed in Japan, she started a family with Don, Don Jr., and Greg. After stops in MA, OK, and CA, Eric was born in the Seychelles Islands, a British Colony at the time where Barbara home schooled Don and Greg for 7th grade. After stops in FL and WA again, the family finally settled in Cupertino, CA, where all three boys finished high school.

Barbara, who spent a lifetime devoted to education, continued her formal education at several stops; An AA at De Anza JC (1973); followed by a BA in Philosophy and Psychology (double major) at San Jose State University (1977); and then virtually completed a MA in Philosophy at SJ State (1979).

After constantly moving prior to Cupertino, she got the “Mrs. Winchester” nickname because of the constant desire to improve her current home. Barbara performed research work for 15 years at Stanford University before she moved to her Morgan Hill dream home.

The AAUW film and book groups filled her life and active mind. She really loved retirement, spending most days reading books, the New York Times, and watching the PBS news hour. Barbara often commented on how great her life was with her home, children, grandchildren and her beloved books. Barbara had knack for bringing out the best in all of us. She will be deeply missed.

Barbara is survived by: Pauline (mother) and Karen (sister) both from WA; Eric (son) and Maurice Jensen with grandchildren: Robby and Danny (Danville, CA); Greg (son) and Kerin Jensen with grandchildren Josh and Courtnie (wife), Nicky and Jeffrey (Concord, CA); Don (son) and Bev Jensen with grandchildren Kristen and Justin (husband) Rhodes, with great-grandchildren: Jeremiah and Carly; Anita and Shawn (husband) Silva with great-grandchild Austin (Morgan Hill, CA).

Barbara would be thrilled with any donation instead of flowers to the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library or the Scholarship Fund at AAUW.