

Joan Carothers 8/21/1934 to 9/28/2022

Joan was born on Long Island, New York, but moved to southern California at age two. After graduating from North Hollywood High School she went to work for Lockheed as a keypunch operator. She met her husband Jim there, and they were married for 63 years until he died in March 2017. He worked for **IBM**, which sent them to Poughkeepsie, New York, and then San Jose. They lived in Saratoga for 54 years and were neighbors of four current SRC residents.

Joan and her husband have five children, 10 grandchildren and seven great grands - all boys! The family enjoyed going to Lake Tahoe every summer for 48 years! After the children were grown and gone, Joan and Jim traveled abroad, and Joan's favorite trips were to Germany and Australia.

Joan's special skill was making fancy jackets with strip quilting to sell at Craft Fairs and Boutiques. She also made dolls, and more recently has knitted scarves and hats for the homeless. She also volunteered at the restaurant for Ming Quong. She still enjoys playing the organ.

When her husband retired 25 years ago, Joan was ready to retire from managing a large house, yard and pool, but her husband didn't want to move. When he died, she was more than ready to move to SRC.