



Gisela Evitt

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As a small child Gisela emigrated from Germany to Baltimore with her family when her father accepted a teaching position in the geology department at Johns Hopkins U. From age 10 she recalls accompanying her father on numerous field trips in the Appalachians where he studied rock structures and she looked for critters. She went on to get a degree in biology at the U. of Rochester, NY where she met her husband Bill while giving him a tour of the campus. She continued working as a biologist at the U. of Rochester, as well as for her husband, preparing microfossil specimens.

Gisela has also had a strong interest in textiles, especially weaving and spinning, which she taught in the Bay Area for many years. Her husband assisted her in this, using the computer to design textile patterns.

They raised three sons and enjoyed hiking and backpacking in the High Sierra. They have five grandsons. SRC residents have enjoyed their efforts to produce our beautiful rose garden, named for the Evitts, which Gisela continues to tend after Bill died on March 22, 2009.

Note: Gisela's mother's father, Dr. Spemann, won the Nobel Prize in medicine in 1910 in Freiburg , Germany