



Judy Oppenheimer

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Judy was born in Berkeley and lived there until age seven. She then spent two years in Minneapolis before moving with her family to a cattle ranch in southwestern Colorado. She graduated from the U. of Colorado and spent a year at Stanford before getting an MD at the U. of Colorado Medical school. She did a residency in pediatrics at the U. of Wisconsin in Madison and a specialty in pediatric oncology at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston, TX.

After a year at City of Hope in southern California, Judy started a private practice in East San Jose which lasted for 24 years. She was also associated with Alexian Brothers Hospital for 17 years and worked at satellite clinics for Santa Clara County. She retired in 1998 to have more time for writing her memoirs, poetry, photography.

Judy became a single mom when she adopted a son at birth, and over the years they have enjoyed many trips for scuba diving. For 17 years they spent Christmas at Cozumel, Mexico, plus Belize, Tahiti, Fiji, Indonesia, Galapagos. Judy also traveled to Europe and China and to many medical meetings around the world.

Judy's father, Frank, was an experimental physicist who worked with his brother, J. Robert Oppenheimer and others in making of the first atomic bomb. In 1969 Frank became the founder and director of the Exploratorium in San Francisco. He died in 1985. Judy and her yellow lab "Sanford" enjoy their new surroundings at SRC.