



Claire Peterson

November 18, 1914 to December 12, 2015 (101 years old)

Claire was born in Montreal, Canada, but her widowed mother moved her six children to San Francisco when Claire was five years old. All of her siblings lived to 98 or 99, her younger brother is 97, and Claire turns 100 on Nov 18, 2014.

Claire majored in Journalism at College of San Mateo and married at 19. She and her husband, Albert Ludwig, have two daughters, three grandchildren and one great granddaughter. After he died, she took over his business running a marine sales company in San Francisco. She later married Walt Peterson, a NASA scientist, who died after 14 years of marriage. And she outlived her third partner, Morey Gross, who moved into SRC with her in 2005 and died in 2009.

Claire was an ardent golfer and still takes friends to lunch at Palo Alto Hills Country Club where she has been a member for 50 years. She was also an active volunteer, from PTA president in Palo Alto to regional president of Brandeis University National Women's committee. She still plays winning duplicate bridge and only in the last year has started to use a walker. She lives in a spacious art-filled apartment in the Manor where she often entertains members of her blended families. Petite and elegant, she wears the latest styles and stunning jewelry from her collection. She is at her computer every day, and uses her smart phone to keep up to the minute!