



Dorothy Rayner

May 28, 1921 to September 26, 2019

Dorothy is a seventh-generation Californian with roots reaching back to the Higuera Spanish land grant on the slopes of Mt. Hamilton. She was born and raised in San Jose. She enlisted in the WACs in early 1942. After a short stint in Arkansas as a recruiter, she was posted in Warrington, England as an expeditor with the 8th Army. She also spent short postings in France and later Germany. She was in France at the time of the liberation and experienced a very moving moment on VE Day when Lily Pons sang the French national anthem from the balcony of the Opera House in Paris. Returning home in 1945, she settled at Lake Tahoe where her parents had purchased Tahoe Cedar Lodge. She drove a school bus the first winter which was a harrowing experience.

In 1948, Dorothy took a job at the Federal Reserve in San Francisco and re-located to Millbrae. Retiring after 38 years, she helped manage the Tahoe Lodge (summers only) which she sold in 2002.

Dorothy never married but has many loving relatives within close proximity.

Dorothy enjoys traveling by train and has covered most of the U.S. and part of Canada by rail; she visited Hawaii and Alaska by ship.