



Esther "Lou" Yabroff

July 15, 1921 to June 23, 2018

Lou was born on the family wheat farm in Kansas and went to Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas to study home economics. She graduated in 1939, taught home economics married her college sweetheart and was soon a war widow.

She worked for the YWCA in Topeka for three years, then transferred. to Tucson. She came to San Mateo in 1950 to work for the YMCA. That took her on trips to conferences in Norway and Japan, which she fondly remembers. She met Irving in San Mateo and they were married in 1955. They have two sons and eight grandchildren. Irv worked for SRI in Menlo Park and they lived in Redwood City for seven years. Then they spent five years in Huntsville, AL where he directed the SRI office which provided technical assistance to the Army Ballistic Missile Defense Program. They spent summers on the family farm in Kansas, returning from Alabama to Los Gatos in 1968.

Among Lou's favorite activities were needle work, crafts, genealogy, gardening and playing in a recorder group. She and Irv moved from IL to AL in 2014.

Irv died June 19, 2016. She then moved to Gig Harbor, Washington to be near her son where she died.