



Jackie Pencer

February 3, 1934 to May 11, 2016

Jackie was born in Irvington, New Jersey, grew up in Linden, and after high school went to Newark to train as a comptometer operator. She returned to Linden to work for General Motors for two years and to marry her high school sweetheart, Joel. He went into the Army and was sent to Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC, so they lived in Silver Spring, Maryland. After he got out of the Army in 1955, Joel worked with his father repairing surgical Instruments, and in 1956 they formed the Snowden Pencer Corp. to manufacture surgical instruments, with offices in Los Gatos, California, but production was in Linden, New Jersey until 1959 when they moved to California.

They had three children and have six granddaughters. Her husband sold the business in 1970 and retired at age 39 to pursue his passion of restoring antique automobiles and to get a pilot's license to fly his own plane. They built a house in Saratoga in 1967 and she lived there for 47 years before moving to SRC in October 2014. Her husband died in 2006 after 51 and 1/2 years of marriage.

While the children were in school, Jackie served as a school volunteer and was also president of the Women's Auxiliary to the Horseless Carriage Club. Later she went to West Valley College to get a business degree and then worked at the College Library, at Disonics and at Versatec for 10 years. After Xerox bought Versatec it was renamed XES and Jackie became administrative assistant to the President of XES until she retired in 1992. She shares her apartment with "Little Bit," a part Chihuahua and part terrier mix dog.

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