



Grace Matthews
8-5-1924 to 11-3-2013

Grace was born in San Jose, attended San Jose State for nurses' training and worked at Santa Clara County Hospital (now Valley Medical) during WW II. There she met her future husband when he was an intern, but both married others and each had four children. They met again years later, after both had divorced, when she went to work as his office nurse. They married, combined their two families, and now have 12 grandchildren and three great grandchildren!

Grace was an obstetrical, orthopedic and office nurse, but her favorite job was as camp nurse for the Boy Scouts for 40 years while her husband was camp doctor. She was also a Lt. Col. in the National Guard Reserve while her husband was a Brigadier General. Both retired in 1985. Her husband died in 1991.

Since then she has been a volunteer at the free clinic at Santa Maria Mission in East San Jose. She has also sung in the choir at Trinity Cathedral Episcopal Church for almost 40 years.

Grace was once a member of the Rebekas, and her mother lived here at the Manor from 1973 until she died in 1990. When Grace came to look over SRC, she couldn't believe how beautifully the Manor had been remodeled, and she was delighted to find an apartment looking out on a redwood tree which reminds her of her wonderful days at camp in the Sierra.