



Helen Connolly
Died: July 6, 2024

Helen is a native of Minneapolis, Minnesota and a graduate in journalism from the University of Minnesota. She was a reporter and editor for newspapers in the Twin Cities and Milwaukee before doing public relations for non-profits in St. Paul and Los Angeles. She met her husband Tom in Los Angeles and they married in 1953. They came to Stanford in 1959 and lived on the campus, where he was a professor of mechanical engineering, for 42 years before moving to SRC Jan. 5, 2005.

While raising four children, she worked at the Stanford Medical Center News Bureau and for the Palo Alto Unified school district as community resource specialist, arranging speakers and field trips for grades K-12. Since retirement, she has been a volunteer, arranging art tours for Stanford Cantor Arts Center, giving art lectures in schools and leading tours of the Stanford campus. At SRC she was editor of the “Toga Times” newsletter for eight years and founded the Biography Books which she continues to handle. She has also been a member of the Council, editor and proof reader of the monthly Committee Reports, a member of the Day Trips, Walkers, Hospitality and Bridge groups. She also enjoys several book groups and formerly played golf, went cross country skiing, on bicycle tours and high country hikes. She still walks with her Walky Talkies and leads historical tours of Saratoga Village.

The Connollys spent four different Sabbatical years living in Norway and Germany: Karlsruhe, Juelich and Berlin. Besides extensive travel in Europe and the US, they have been to China, Japan, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, the Caribbean and Africa. They have grown twin granddaughters. Tom died on April 3, 2006 in the Health Care Center.

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