

Kay Petry

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Kay is a native of Ohio. She worked at an Army Hospital in WWII before attending the U. of Dayton, where she met her late husband, Jerry. They moved to San Jose in 1962 and raised five children. They have seven grandchildren who live nearby. Kay worked in health care and computers for 27 years. At age 62 she enrolled in Foothill College's Semester Abroad program and spent three months in Paris where she became "den mother" to the 24 students in the group. "Being immersed in the art, history, gastronomy and folklore of France was the best thing I have ever done for myself!" she says. Since retiring, she has been a docent at the San Jose Museum of Art for 10 years and has spent 12 years planning and leading art tours for the Cantor Arts Center at Stanford. She is an expert on - and collector of - glass art.

Jerry died in 2008.