



Martha Lyons
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Martha was born in Milwaukee, WI and grew up in Minneapolis, MN where she graduated from high school. She met her husband in a trigonometry class at the U. of Minnesota while he was in the NROTC. She graduated in Dec. 1945 and got married the same month! He became a career naval officer, serving 30 years and retiring with the rank of captain. His service career included three seagoing commands as well as three years as a "lighter-than-air" (blimp) pilot. They moved a great deal, every one to three years, but stayed mostly on US soil, from Puerto Rico to Honolulu, a favorite post being Monterey, CA. They had six children, all born in different places, and now have 11 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Her oldest son is a retired admiral!

Martha got a master's degree in Library Science in 1969 from the U. of Maryland and she served for 25 years as a librarian in Orange County, CA where they settled when her husband retired. He died in 2006, and Martha moved to Saratoga to be near two of her children and their families. Her other four children all live in Sothern CA.

Martha enjoyed handicrafts and making clothes for her daughters. Her favorite trip was to Australia where she was a guest on a working sheep station. A favorite family tradition is having a bonfire on the beach on Christmas Eve and singing carols!