



Elizabeth Leonie Simpson
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Elizabeth grew up in Washington, D.C. and New York City. She went on to the University of Michigan to get a degree in linguistics, and followed that after marriage and three children, with a PhD in developmental psychology from UC Berkeley at age 40. She then joined the faculty at the University of Southern California. She is the author or co-author of 20 books, both fiction and nonfiction, which include "Notes on an Emergency," a personal description of her experience overcoming an almost always fatal disease: tubercular meningitis.

She is best known at SRC for her four volumes of "Out of Our Lives" for which she helped residents write short personal histories, and edited and published each edition, providing great accomplishment and satisfaction to all those included.

When Elizabeth married John Wurr in Sunnyvale in 1981, they combined his six children and her three, with an age range spanning 27 years. They later moved to the Santa Cruz Mountains before coming to SRC in 2004. They traveled extensively including annual trips to Britain, to John's homeland. At SRC she was active in the writers group, Current Events and art groups, and her artwork was constantly on display. Elizabeth died on Feb. 20, 2019.