



Alfreda Mastman

Died: January 13, 2024

Alfreda was born and raised in Buffalo, NY, graduating from Buffalo State Teacher's College. She then taught third grade for four years in Tonawanda (between Buffalo and Niagara Falls). She met her husband Gary at Pat's Hot Dog stand in Buffalo in 1951 when he was a medical student. They married in 1953 and in 1956 moved to Rochester, MN where he was a resident in ophthalmology at the Mayo Clinic. He later served for two years as chief of ophthalmology at Lowry Air Force Base near Denver, CO.

After that they lived in Sunnyvale for six years while he was with the Camino Medical Group, and then they built their home in 1967 in Saratoga where she has lived the last 41 years . Gary started his own practice in San Jose, later founding the West Valley Surgery Center. He died in Dec. 2007. They have two sons, one daughter and three grandchildren .

After their children were grown, Alfreda continued her education at Foothill College and West Valley College, which led to many careers: a teacher's aide at Oak Street school in Saratoga, 10 years as a travel agent, more years in property management, running her own mail order business (including selling telephones by catalog and sprinklers invented by her husband) and teaching adult education classes on "How to Start your own Mail Order Business."

She and Gary traveled all over the world. Now her hobbies are knitting, reading and bridge.