



**Mary Jane Dean**

Moved away 2008 - Died 8/12/2022

Mary Jane was born in Detroit and graduated from Michigan State U. with a BA in accounting. She met her husband, Don, in college and they married on Halloween 1950 while Don was in basic training in the Korean War. They lived in a trailer, sundry apartments, a hotel and several houses in nine states and France, finally settling in San Carlos. Don, a mechanical engineer, ran his own business and Mary Jane taught at Ravenswood High School in East Palo Alto and Canada College in Redwood City. They had three children.

Both were involved in local and national politics and at one time Mary Jane served on the San Carlos Human Rights Commission. She also dabbled in oil painting, stained glass and photography. In the 80's they started traveling in earnest. They twice visited their Peace Corps daughter in Cameroon, touring the country with her missionary friends. After that it was mostly adventure travel including solar eclipses in India and Zimbabwe, trekking in Nepal and swimming with the whales in Tonga. But her favorite of all were the 14 week-long hikes camping along the coastal counties of California.

Don died on July 18, 2007.

After Don died Mary Jane moved to the East Bay.