

IN REMEMBRANCE



Catherine "Kitty" Tufford May 20, 1949 ~ June 18, 2011

Kitty was born May 20, 1949 in Paris, France and died at her home on June 18. She and her family came to the United States in March 1956. Her family traveled extensively with the Army until they settled at Fort Ord in 1966. Kitty was educated in France, Alabama, Germany and California. She graduated from Seaside High School in 1967 and attended Monterey Peninsula College.

Kitty worked for many years for several doctors on the Peninsula. After obtaining her Real Estate license, she worked with her mother at Busby Realty. Kitty then became an Enrolled Agent with the Treasury Department and managed "Income Tax Services" in Monterey until her death.

Kitty's very favorite occupation, however, was being a member of the Order of Elks. She joined the Elks in 1996 and was the first woman in Monterey Elks Lodge No. 1285. Kitty promptly became an Officer of the Lodge from 1997 to 2009, served as Exalted Ruler in 2000-2001, Vice President, 2003-2004 and District Deputy from 2005-2006. At the time of her death, she was a District Leader and Chairman of the California-Hawaii Board of Trustees.

Kitty is survived by her mother, Jackie Busby-Phillips of Seaside; her sisters, Caroll Mendoza of Marina and Patricia Grooms of Pahrump, NV; nephew, Eric Dunham of Seaside; niece, Kelly Folliard of Las Vegas; step-sister, Linda Murtland of Carmel and step-brothers, Ron Busby of Seaside, Larry Busby of Twain Harte and David Phillips of Klamath Falls, OR; and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Donations in Kitty's memory should be sent to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project for Disabled Children, c/o Monterey Elks Lodge, 150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey, CA 93940.