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PATRICIA GUNTHER

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Patricia Darrell Gunther

Patricia Darrell Gunther of San Francisco, CA., only daughter of Edward and Margaret Darrell, was born Sept 14, 1932 and passed away on August 1, 2014 after a battle with cancer.

Born in New York City, she attended the Chapin School before she moved to Stonington, CT. during WWII. Patricia graduated from the Westover School in Middlebury, CT. in 1949, and graduated from Briarcliff Manor, New York in 1951.

After college Patricia went to study German in Munich. While traveling in Europe she met her husband, Charles F. Gunther. They lived in Munich for 5 years where Chuck worked for Radio Free Europe. These were her favorite years, where she made life-long friends and enjoyed skiing and hiking in the Alps. They married in Stonington, and moved to San Francisco where their son Harrison was born. After 3 years they moved to Long Island when Chuck transferred with IBM. Their daughter Lloyd was born soon after and the family lived there for 12 years. Patricia enjoyed raising her two children there and maintained her many friendships from her time in Europe.

In 1974 the family moved back to San Francisco, where Chuck and Patty stayed for 40 years. Patricia was an avid bird watcher, fly fisher and lover of nature. They spent a lot of time skiing, hiking and fishing in the Sierra Mountains, and in Idaho and Montana. She especially loved to spend time with friends fishing in Idaho. Patricia was an avid reader and gardener and for many years was a volunteer at the Strybing Arboretum in Golden Gate Park, specializing in the care of Irises. She loved music and was a supporter of the Symphony.

Patricia is greatly missed by her two children and a grandchild.

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