

Niehaus, Caryl Kroger Schoenhoeft 1929 - 2008

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Caryl Leslie Niehaus, loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend, died suddenly on June 15, 2008, in Napa.

Caryl was born to Charles B. and Beulah E. Kroger on April 7, 1929, in Covington, Ky. She grew up there and graduated from Villa Madonna College in 1951. Caryl taught elementary school in Covington, and met her husband-to-be, Helmut, there. They were married in 1954 and moved to California, where Caryl continued her long career as an elementary teacher in Alameda and later in Fresno. In addition to her professional life, Caryl was a devoted mother who raised her family with love and affection. Following her retirement from teaching, she continued to serve as a private tutor to many children.

In recent years, she has enjoyed the fellowship of numerous people in Napa, many of whom she met as a volunteer at Copia. She was active in WHO, the Wine Hospitality Organization, and enjoyed visiting family and friends across the country. Caryl was loved by many people and will be fondly remembered for her strong spirit, her rosy cheeks and her warm laugh.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Helmut Niehaus. She is survived by her brothers, her daughter, her son and their spouses, Paul and Patricia Kroger, Stephen and Hilde Kroger, Marie and John Bianco, Charles and Jade Schoenhoeft and her six grandchildren Johnny, Domenick, Joey, Christina, Skye and Caz.

Friends and family are invited to attend an open house memorial on Saturday, June 28, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the home at Marie and John Bianco, 138 Kruezer Ln., Napa, CA 94559. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to charities of importance to Caryl, The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, www.cdfa.org, and Autism Speaks, www.autismspeaks.org.