

Marjorie Howard

Marjorie Howard (mom) was born in California on September 5, 1933, to George and Lola McGinnis. Mom went home on October 7, 2026. After a short first marriage, she married William (Bill) Howard in 1958. Mom had a younger brother, Robert McGinnis who lives in Arizona.

After Dad passed, mom is survived by two sons, Stephen Howard and Joseph Howard. Stephen married Paula Breitenbach and has a son, Glenn Howard 30 years old and lives nearby Steve in Austin Texas. Joe married Arlis Petersen and they have four children, all married. These include Katie Sandifer, married to Matt Sandifer, and is the mother of three boys, Liam, Max and Jameson. Paul Howard married Dani Howard and lives in North Carolina teaching at the same school as Katie and the father of three boys, Benjamin, Samuel, and Josiah. Abigail Gatley is married to Curtis Gatley and is the mother of Taylor and Arden and live in Oregon with Stephanie West who recently married Christopher West.

After graduating from San Francisco State, mom began to substitute teach while dad launched his teaching career. They lived shortly in Palo Alto before moving to West San Jose where they continued to teach in the Cupertino school district for the next 40 years. Dad passed in 2004 while mom continued to live in their house for the next 20 years. Mom and Dad loved taking the family to Yosemite where she once worked as an accountant and dad helped build Tioga Road.

Our family enjoyed many summer vacations together, including a road trip that covered 36 states and 14,000 miles! Mom and Dad loved to travel together and went to Europe on several occasions. Dad was multi-lingual, and a master at the Spanish language. Dad taught ESL for many years.

Mom's loved reading (which she did a lot), playing bridge (and she always won) and taking care of cats. She loved her church and her Bible studies with friends. Mom was a very meticulous keeper of calendars, birthdays, cards and records. She made friends for life and took care to always stay in touch. Our parents were all about hospitality. I remember many lively parties at our house with numerous family and friends. The Howard home was bustling with numerous birthday, holiday and friendship soirees. Mom loved music, especially classical music and taught me to love it with her. We would attend symphony concerts, and she made it a point to attend my concerts as well.

Sadly, the last 8 years of her life her memories faded as dementia and Alzheimer's took them away, but she passed peacefully in her sleep on October 7th. Steve and I remember mom as a loving person, caregiving, thrifty and kind. She loved to show hospitality and showed great patience with all the strange people we brought home!

Mom lives on in our memory and we're thankful that now her own memory is finally back to her.

Lovingly submitted, Steve and Joe Howard.

