



Lydia Jean Kuhn

June 6, 1944 - June 29, 2018

Lydia Jean Kuhn died on June 29, 2018 in Fresno, California. She was born on D-Day, June 6, 1944, in Brooklyn, New York. She was the daughter of Ruth and Gene Kuhn who preceded her in death.

Lydia graduated from Lincoln High School in Stockton, CA in 1962. After graduating from Whittier College in 1966, she worked for the State Department's National Interdepartmental Seminar in Washington, D.C. as a research assistant. She moved to Fresno in 1968 and began working for the Fresno County Public Library as a librarian trainee. After receiving a Masters in Library Science from LSU, she returned to Fresno. At the time of her retirement from the County Library in 2003 after 33 years of service, she was Manager of Adult Services. While at the Library in addition to her regular duties, she implemented five celebrations of literary characters, including Peter Rabbit and Winnie the Pooh, as fund-raisers for the Friends of the Library Committee for 22 years, many times hosting a table on a variety of subjects, including Noel Coward, the British Royal Family, and suspense fiction. She also worked on communitywide reading programs, often hosting 24-hour read-a-thons. She was active in the community, participating in several organizations. She was past president of the Fresno Branch of AAUW, the Forum, and Friday Club, program vice president of San Joaquin Valley Town Hall, and secretary of the William Saroyan Society. She presented a number of programs before community groups on such subjects as Lizzie

Borden, Dorothy Parker, Frida Kahlo, Beatrix Potter, the Titanic, as well as numerous book discussions. Lydia volunteered for the San Joaquin River Parkway, serving on the Parkway's Parties Committee, writing hundreds of thank-you notes to party hosts. In 2012, she organized a Third Class Last Dinner on the Titanic as a fund-raiser for the Parkway. She was a member of the Titanic Historical Society and attended THS conferences in the US, Canada, and England. One of her fondest memories was meeting the last Titanic survivor, Millvina Dean.

Lydia is survived by a circle of friends, who were there for her, with love and support during the good and bad times. During the good times, she enjoyed traveling, attending local musical and theatrical productions, seeing movies, reading the latest best seller, and being with friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to StageWorks Fresno, 4833 N. Hulbert Ave., Fresno, CA 93705, or the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, 11605 Old Friant Rd., Fresno, CA 93730.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 355 E. Champlain Drive, Fresno, CA 93730 on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

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Holy Spirit Catholic Church
355 E. Champlain
Fresno, CA 93730

Tribute Wall



“ Lydia Jean Kuhn

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“ We were so sorry to read of Lydia's passing on the Titanic Historical Society's Facebook page. Lydia and Roberta made those T.H.S. conferences so much more fun. Their company at our table was sincerely appreciated and missed when they were absent.

When it came to Titanic, unlike Jess and I who were "Jack and Rose" types, Lydia was the "real deal." She knew everything about it and was an enthusiast, long before the movie came out in 1997! lol :) Her dinner conversation always rocked and her company was such a pleasure. Being able to talk to her about California and life in "Cali" was a special treat for two Boston, east coast people, as well! lol :)

From Dave and Jess, thank you Lydia for all the good times and for sharing your knowledge and friendship with us. Both were a gift. God Bless and please know that we'll both be thinking of you at 2pm our time, on Wed. the 11th when your Mass is being said at Holy Spirt in Fresno.

"Godspeed, Lydia" and we both hope to see you "onboard" someday.

Love,

Dave & Jess :) <3

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“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Lydia Jean Kuhn.*



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