



Virginia “Ginny” Cordray Harrington passed away at age 67 on January 30, 2021. A Los Altos, CA resident of 37 years, she was at home with her family at her side after a challenging battle with stomach cancer.

Ginny was born in Philadelphia, PA to Arden and Richard Cordray, the second of five children. She grew up in California, spending much of her childhood in Palo Alto. She graduated high school in 1971 from Northfield School for Girls in Massachusetts. She went on to attend college at UC Santa Barbara, during which time she spent a year living abroad as an exchange student in Spain, an experience that led her to develop a love of the Spanish language and a curiosity about culture. This would later shape her career, as well as her travel interests, which would take her to various countries across the world. After studying abroad, Ginny completed her Bachelor’s degree in Spanish, graduating in 1975. She then went on to earn a teaching credential and began working as an elementary school teacher.

Ginny met Roy Harrington through folk dancing in 1980. They were married in 1982 and had three children. Ginny left the workforce to dedicate herself fully to raising her children. When her children were adults, Ginny returned to teaching: volunteering at low-income schools, substitute teaching, and tutoring local students in Spanish. She became a permanent Spanish teacher at Egan Junior High School in Los Altos. Ginny was so adored by teachers and students alike, that she had more students register for her class each year and received awards for outstanding performance. She retired from teaching at Egan to enjoy being a grandmother.

A devoted mother and conscientious neighbor, Ginny was active in her community through the PTA at Springer School, the Girl Scouts, and Music for Minors. She enjoyed taking care of her orchard, most notably her apricot trees. She loved folk dancing, cooking, playing the piano, speaking Spanish, and traveling. Above all, Ginny will be remembered for her love of family and friends. She was known for her warm and helpful nature, making friends with everyone she met. Ginny was selfless in caring for others, especially the people she loved most.

Ginny is survived by her husband, Roy; her children: Katie, Vince, and Elly and two grandchildren: Luka and Maddie. She is also survived by her mother, Arden;

her siblings: Alix, Gail, Jacqui, and Eddie. She is predeceased by her father, Richard and stepfather, Hiram.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation in her name to a charity of your choice or give directly to a family in need, as Ginny would do. Visit www.harrington.com for a list of organizations that Ginny supported and information regarding a Celebration of Life service planned later this February 2021.