

Orilla Globus

Orilla Globus, formerly Orilla Alvina Geyer, born in North Dakota, died June 9, 2009 at the age of 85. She lived a long life -- healthy, independently, and generously, until just two months ago, then passed away at her home in Santa Cruz, California, with family by her side.



She is survived by three children, six grandchildren, one great grandchild, three brothers and many, many, nieces, nephews and their children. Rill was born and raised on a farm in North Dakota, one of nine brothers and sisters. Though born into a home that had no running water or electricity, she lived to surf the 'net. She was an excellent student, received a college degree in chemistry and later worked as a laboratory technician for Dow Chemical Company. She moved with her family to California, eventually settling by the ocean in Seal Beach, California. Once her children were a little older, she earned her Master's Degree in Library Science and became an elementary school librarian, a fitting expression of her life-long passion for reading and books. Later, she taught 4th and 5th graders as an elementary school teacher for many years, forming deep and lasting friendships with her colleagues. Her retirement years were spent in Santa Cruz with her children, helping to raise her grandchildren, enjoying great friends at the De Anza mobile home park, engaging in many volunteer activities (such as tutoring, reading to adults and children, staffing the local public library, and recycling with the Grey Bears). Most recently, she continued her lifelong passion for learning by taking up tai-chi, mahjong, and Shakespeare.

Needless to say, she will be greatly missed.

Gifts to your local public library may be given in lieu of flowers. There will be a celebration of her life and memorial service in Santa Cruz, CA on Saturday, July 11 at 3pm in the De Anza Park club house at 2395 Delaware. For further information, contact AlGlobus@gmail.com.