

In Memorium
BETTY ANN BARNETT
March 1930 - June 2020

After a full and loving life, Betty Ann Barnett passed away on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at her home in Point Richmond, California. She was born on March 10, 1930 in Los Angeles to Marjorie Veryl Farnham and Joseph Abraham Biller, where they lived in Inglewood and then Pacific Palisades. She was the first in her family to attend college and graduated from University of California, Los Angeles. She met Ray Barnett at UCLA, they married on June 30, 1950 and celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this year. A beautiful, positive, active woman, she had infinite curiosity and was a natural educator who loved to travel, sail, ski, and backpack in the Sierra Nevada and Yosemite mountains with her family and friends. Her homemade cinnamon rolls baked over an open fire with a reflector oven were legendary. She was equally passionate about theater, dance, music, history, and art, and was an art docent for 15 years at the Oakland Museum, a Board President of the Richmond Art Center and on the board of the Richmond Public Library. She was fierce when it came to water rights, voter rights, human rights, and conservation issues. She believed in standing up for what you believe in and was active with the Berkeley League of Women Voters for many years. She was a special education teacher in elementary and junior high school in Orinda, CA. She is survived by her husband Ray, her daughters Janet Heppler and Margaret Burnette Stogner and her son Russell Barnett; her grandchildren Ryan and Cooper Heppler, Douglas and Kevin Burnette, and Ava and Sonya Barnett; and great-grandson Caiden Heppler. A celebration of life will be held with family and friends at a later date. She has been and will continue to be an inspiration for us all. For memorial contributions, ACLU Foundation of Northern California, 39 Drumm Street, San Francisco, California 94111

