



# Sylvia Faith Buringrud

June 18, 1935 - May 2, 2022

Sylvia Faith Priem was born June 18, 1935, In Totterville, Iowa, population 22. She passed away, peacefully, in her home on May 2, 2022, in Fairfield, California, after a long illness. Sylvia Buringrud was a marvel! She was admired by her three children, Hal Brian Buringrud of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, Joel Dean Buringrud of Porterville, California and Alane Kay Llacuna of Suisun, California. Her brother, Raymond Priem resides in St. Ansgar, Iowa. She will reunite with her parents, one other brother and a sister on the 'other side.' Sylvia leaves behind her 9 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren whom she lavished with unconditional love and support, three wonderful sisters-in-law and many adored nieces and nephews. Syl will be missed by her cherished life-long friends, neighbors, and work colleagues.

A farmgirl, Syl was the first to go to college in her family. She attended Iowa State Teachers college receiving her 2-year teaching credential in 1955. The family moved to Fairfield in 1962 when Harold Buringrud, husband of 25 years, was hired as a high school teacher at Vanden High School, Travis Air Force Base. Sylvia continued her education for 78 additional credits and received a lifetime teaching credential from San Francisco State University. She taught kindergarten at Center School on TAFB for 32 years. Well known and loved by her friends and co-workers, Fairfield Mayor, Chuck Hammond, honored her with a proclamation naming June 6, 1997, Sylvia Buringrud Day, here forth, in Fairfield, California.

Syl owned Big Johns Sandwich Shop for a decade. Sylvia was a member of 'Women In Action' a club providing scholarships to high school students for continued education. Sylvia was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran church since 1962. She was a volunteer usher for Downtown Theatre in Fairfield as well as San Francisco's Orpheum theatre. Sylvia travelled the world and shopped in Hong Kong, Japan; rode an elephant down the Yangtze River in China, had monks bless her in Tibet, Went on Safari in Africa, and travelled the tropics as well as all over Europe and even travelled in a hot air balloon! Sylvia lived life to its fullest because she "didn't want to miss a minute of life." She believed in learning something new every day of your life. Syl was beautiful, inside and out. We are proud of our mother. Admiration and unconditional love, combined, creates a powerful memory and are the example that we will carry with us for the rest of our lives.

Special thanks to her daughter Alane and to her caregivers who gave her love, happiness, laughter, who danced with her, and who cared for her like family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or to the SPCA.

A Celebration of Life service will be held for Sylvia Buringrud on her birthday, June 18, 2022, 10:00 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran church in Fairfield, California. A reception for family and friends will follow the service at another location.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 18. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
1600 Union Ave.  
Fairfield, CA 94533