



Anne Lavinia Marty

March 16, 1940 - February 17, 2023

It is with great sadness that the family of Anne Lavinia Marty announce her passing on Feb 17th 2023 at the age of 82. The adopted daughter of Norman and Winifred "Betty" Whalley, Anne was born in 1940 in England, where she earned a Bachelor's degree and became one of the first female Cordon Bleu trained chefs in the country.

Family life took Anne all over the world. In 1963, she married an American Soldier and moved to Petaluma, California, where their son Ian was born on her birthday. When her husband left the Army in 1966, the family returned to Devon, England, where their daughter Amanda was born. The family moved to Riyadh Saudi Arabia in 1971 and in 1978 to the Chicago suburbs of Streamwood and then Crystal Lake, where she became a U.S. citizen. In 1984, they left the Illinois snow for California sunshine, first in Upland and then in 1991, after falling in love with a 5-acre horse property, to Squaw Valley in the hills above Fresno. The property was also ideally suited for her mother Betty, with a quaint cottage on the property. At Squaw Valley in addition to her vegetable garden, horses, animals and 5 acres, she also cared for her mother, who became her dearest friend. When her mother passed away in 2007, Anne moved to Visalia to be closer to her son and daughter-in-law. In 2023 she relocated to her daughter and son-in-law's home near the coast in Marina, where she enjoyed her final days.

Loving animals was a huge part of Anne's life. She boarded her first Arabian horse, Sareed I, at the stables of the Royal Saudi Arabian Air Force, and the whole family had wonderful times at horse shows, show jumping competitions, and equestrian camping. Her Squaw Valley property became the home of her mare Martha My Dear, who soon gave birth to Sareed II. Sareed II won numerous awards and championships at horse shows both in California and nationally. Her life was also blessed by her many dogs, cats, and a miniature donkey, Jacob. Anne also volunteered at horse and wildlife rehabilitation centers, even bringing some animals home to nurse them back to health.

Anne's other great pleasures were cooking, gardening, traveling, and camping with her family in locales ranging from the Greek island of Paxos, Cyprus, France, Switzerland, and Italy, to the California coast.

Anne's love for plants and animals, fierce courage, compassion, and adventurous spirit lives on in her surviving family. She will be forever remembered and terribly missed by her son, Air Force veteran Ian Marty, and daughter-in-law Barbara Marty; her daughter Amanda Wehling and son-in-law Fred Wehling; granddaughter Keri Fastenau and grandson-in-law Jarred Fastenau; and granddaughter Megan Mendoza great-grandchildren, Jemma, Ryan, and Beau Mendoza.

A small family service will be held for Anne's internment at the family plot in Squaw Valley Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Happy Trails Riding Academy (happytrailsridingacademy.org), a fully accredited center for equine-assisted therapy.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.