



Donnie Goettig 1932-2009

Donnie Goettig passed away on Saturday, Feb 21st 2009 from a stroke. She died peacefully with her family at her side at the Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara.

A service to commemorate her life will be held at 2:00 on Saturday Feb. 28th at the United Methodist Church of Ridgecrest.

Donnie was born in Pana, Ill. in 1932. She attended Wheaton College for two years, transferred to University of Illinois, became a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, and graduated in 1957 with a degree in Secretarial Sciences. She married Al Goettig, her high school sweetheart, in 1954 and moved to China Lake when Al accepted a position on the Naval Ordnance Test Station. Donnie started working at NOTS in 1955. She held various positions before her retirement that included participation in introducing computerized word processing to the center. The family lived on base before moving out to the property they've shared for the past 30 years.

Donnie has been very active in many aspects of the community. She was among the original founders of the Pink Ladies, has been a long standing and active member of WACOM, and volunteered at the Thrift Shop and various events throughout the year.

Her chief interests include playing bridge, skiing, being a grandma, and spending time with her family and friends.

Donnie is survived by her husband Al Goettig, and daughter and son-in-law Susie and Kem Park, all of Ridgecrest; son Jeff Goettig of Atascadero; son Jon Goettig of Bakersfield; granddaughter Kristy Park, and grandson Jason Park, both of Ridgecrest.

Donnie was preceded in death by her parents, Dwight and Elva Culberson, and her brother, Bill.