

# Kathleen Marie (Kent) Bernard

1936 – 2022

## Memorial Service

1:30 p.m., Sunday, June 12, 2022



### Reception Following the Service

Thank you for coming. Please stay for a reception on the patio with family and friends, hosted by the congregation. Exchange your memories of Kathy with one another and enjoy the photographs.

### Memorial Contributions

Gifts in memory and honor of Kathy may be made to the Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento or Sacramento Area Congregations Together (Sac ACT)

### Scenes from Kathy's Life

**Invocation** Rev. Lucy Bunch

**Lighting of the Chalice** Rev. Dr. Roger Jones

**Singing Together** #346, verses 1, 2, and 4  
Come, Sing a Song with Me

**Eulogy**

**Prayer and Silent Reflection**

**Musical Meditation** Spirit of Life

**Words from Family** Brent Summers  
Cindy Summers  
Barbara Baker

**Musical Interlude** Amazing Grace

**Brief Glimpses and Gratitude for Kathy**

**Minister's Prayer**

**Benediction and Extinguishing of the Chalice**

**Postlude**

*Rev. Dr. Roger Jones and Rev. Lucy Bunch, officiating  
Dr. Irina Tchantceva, piano*

## Kathleen Marie (Kent) Bernard

The first of five children, Kathy was born to Helen and Clifford Kent on April 14, 1936, in Santa Ana. She grew up in Orange County, graduated from Anaheim High School in 1954 and married her first husband, Leland (Lee) G. Summers, that summer. She worked as a typist/secretary in several places while Lee finished his PhD at UCLA. They had three children, Kenneth G. Summers, Brent A. Summers, and Cindy M. Summers, and divorced after 17 years of marriage.

In 1971 Kathy met the love of her life, Richard (Dick) F. Bernard. They were married for 43 happy, exciting years. Dick and Lee both passed away in 2013. Kathy then moved to Sacramento with her sister Barbara Baker. Kathy and Dick loved to travel. In 1975 they and her three children toured Europe for six months in a rented 20' RV. Kathy returned to school and earned a B.A. from CSU- Dominguez Hills in 1979 and an MSW in Social Work from San Jose State in 1982 and began a career in affordable housing at Community Housing Developers in San Jose. Two years later Kathy and Dick embarked on a three-year odyssey to every state. (Also, Kathy traveled to more than 20 countries, including China, Panama and several European countries.) With the travel bug satisfied, Kathy and Dick settled in Watsonville, where she founded a nonprofit housing development agency, Pajaro Valley Housing Corp., in 1989. She was able to develop affordable homes for low-income families, most of whom were farmworkers. Under Kathy's guidance, the nonprofit built or managed over 175 homes. After she retired in 2001, she and Dick moved to Portland, Maine, for several years to be close to their grandchildren.

She was a gentle soul who knew how to get things done and was committed to many causes. Kathy was a committed Unitarian Universalist for the last 45 years. For the last nine years, she was an active member here at UUSS, serving on the Board and chairing our Service Auction. She learned to love the game of Mah Jongg on a trip to China, played it as often as possible, and taught many others how. Kathy's warmth and her sweet smile will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by all her siblings: sister Barbara Baker (Winters), sister Diane Schultz (Fresno), brother Jim Kent (OR), brother Philip Kent (MO); her three children: Kenneth Summers (AZ), Brent Summers (NH) and Cindy Summers (Tracy), her stepson James Bernard (CA) and his son Greg Bernard, and four grandchildren: London Summers, Dylan Summers, Gregory Summers and Holly Gorthy, and three great grandchildren: Atlas Gorthy, Madison Summers, and Rowan Summers.

## **Kathy Bernard**

*In Loving Memory*

April 14, 1936–April 17, 2022



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