



Fern Mae Halperin

April 18, 1928 - February 9, 2017

Fern Mae (Bueschel) Halperin died on February 9, 2017 peacefully in her home, with her children. She lived a life of graciousness and loving kindness. Born April 18, 1928, she grew up on a dairy farm in Plymouth, Wisconsin. She was a devoted, loving and caring mother of 3 children, Susan(Jim), Doug(Theresa), Brian(Barbara), Grandmother to 13, Great Grandmother to 7, and Great Great Grandmother to 1. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family and dear friends.

Fern settled in Goleta in 1971 and has lived in Santa Barbara since 1976. Fern worked in the Medical Field for over 55 years. With great care and kindness for patients, she finished her career with Dr. Fisher & Dr. Allen where she worked for over 33 years.

She was an active member and President of the Ostomy Club. After retiring she volunteered at Cottage Hospital. She was a world traveler visiting all seven continents. Hawaii was her favorite place, and she enjoyed vacations there with all her children.

Love of dogs and puppies, collecting teddy bears, doing crossword puzzles, watching the weather channel, Dr. Phil and Judge Judy brought her great joy.

She loved and was loved by all those that came into her life. Fern leaves a legacy of love, generosity and kindness.....that essence will live on in the hearts of her Family and Friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 10:00am at St. Anthony's Chapel, 2300 Garden St. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice, Visiting Nurses, Special Olympics or Hope Refuge.

Comments



“ Sending peaceful healing condolences.

I was blessed to have met Fern through the United Ostomy Association when I was living in Santa Barbara. I remember the first time I attended a meeting she made me feel at home with her kind smile and her wonderful sense of humor. Fern was always there with encouragement on the days when I was not feeling well. I will always be grateful to her for words of wisdom as well as assisting me in seeing the humor in life's ups and down.

Chris Chapman - February 24, 2017 at 09:53 AM



“ Fern and I had a special bond, with both of us having an ileostomy. We could share experiences and help one another if problems arose. We were privileged to help many new ostomates following their surgeries.

We had many fun times together: a group trip to Branson, MO, a bus trip to Palm Springs. In recent years we attended the "Spaghetti Feed" at the Elks. What is very special to me is that she started going to St. Anthony Chapel with me. Everyone loved her, as I do. I will miss her dearly.

Joanne Uhl

Joanne Uhl - February 16, 2017 at 09:14 PM



“ Many years ago there was a demand from the ostomy population of central and southern California for better quality of care, proper instruction in post-operative care, and better quality appliances. In 1971 the Santa Barbara Chapter of the United Ostomy Association was formed with unanimous support of Walley Wallenbrock, Hal and Fern Halperin, Joanne Uhl, and Al Geiberger. In 1973 Cottage Hospital and the American Cancer Society funded training and certification of the first Enterostomal Therapist, Janet Layson, who joined the U.O.A. of Santa Barbara in its dedication to support ostomates. Fern served as president, treasurer, and numerous other positions through out her years. During her lifetime Fern made ostomates feel needed and gave their lives fullness and happiness not otherwise possible. Fern gave of herself without ever begrudging it. Fern will be missed by many and especially by me.

P. Kent Cullen, Jr., M.D.

P.Kent Cullen, Jr., M.D. - February 16, 2017 at 11:56 AM



“ Scott Reid lit a candle in memory of Fern Mae Halperin



Scott Reid - February 16, 2017 at 11:34 AM