



Marian Kay Blank

December 21, 1922 - June 16, 2023

We honor the 'end of an era' in the passing of Marian Edwards Blank on June 16th at age 100.

She was the second oldest of four siblings and grew up in Puyallup, Washington before moving to the Bay Area. Through her sister, Pat, she met (and later married) William "Bill" Blank. They went on a long series of travel adventures as he worked as an engineer in locations such as Abu Dhabi, Korea, Thailand, and Hong Kong. Their two wire-haired terriers were also "expats." Marian would fully embrace her new locations and learn local cooking and customs and collect favorite artifacts. While in Thailand, she tried her hand at doing rice-paper rubbings on carved temple walls – these now hang in her niece's home.

Around 2000, Marian moved to Dundee to live next door to her brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Kay Edwards. She quickly got into her routine and for many years, never missed a fitness class at the Chehalem Park and Rec. Marian read voraciously – across a broad spectrum of publications politically and culturally. She continued her travel adventures well into her 80's and 90's. The family recalls her traveling to NYC to board a cruise when the entire city was hit with a blackout and she ended up sleeping in the alley by the hotel as the hotel 'evicted' the guests due to no elevators or water pressure. Marian took this, like everything, in stride.

Marian is survived by her sister-in-law, Kay Edwards, her nephews Eric Edwards and Tom Edwards, and her nieces Sally Edwards and Elizabeth Edwards Dennis (Gary). She is preceded in death by her husband Bill Blank, her brother Thomas Edwards, sisters Virginia Edwards and Pat Edwards and nephew Garth Edwards.

Most recently, Marian received caring support from the teams at HelloCare and Brighton Hospice.

Her family appreciates the outpouring of support and will plan a small memorial gathering later on.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Marian was a favorite aunt. When I was a kid and she and Bill visited at Christmas with stories of living in different countries, it opened a window to the world for me.* ”



Bethann Johnson - December 07, 2023 at 05:49 PM

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“ *Kim lit a candle in memory of Marian Kay Blank* ”



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