

# Janis Lenore Yates Kaukola

1940 - 2021



August 4, 1940 - May 1, 2021

Jan was born on August 4, 1940 in Whittier, CA to Ernest and Helen Yates. In the 1940s and 1950s she attended Elsinore Elementary and Elsinore Union High School - Class of 1958. After graduating from EUHS and the University of Redlands, she began her 43 year teaching career in San Diego and the Desert Sands School District in Coachella Valley. She specialized in primary grades, notably Kindergarten. In addition to being a dedicated teacher, Jan was an avid quilter in the Coachella Valley and Fort Bragg. She leaves her sons, Neil Kaukola of Seattle, WA, Glen Kaukola of Palm Desert, CA, and grandson Neil Ryan Kaukola of Seattle, WA; her brother John Yates and his wife Pamela of Wildomar, CA; nephews Christopher Lloyd, and Colin Yates; nieces Helena Yates and Amanda Lloyd. Janis was preceded in death by her father Ernest Yates, mother Helen Yates, sister Lynn Yates Lloyd, and brother Lyle Yates. A Celebration of Jan's life will be held at 11:00 AM, Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at the Elsinore Women's Club, 710 W. Graham Ave, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530.