Joyce was a true Angel to all. She is survived by her two sons Richard, wife Andrea and granddaughter Ella Joy; and Robert, wife Christina and grandsons Connor and Tyler, all of San Diego. She is also survived by her sister Betty Gerber of Grinnell and foster sons Tim and Dong Nguyen.


Born in Grinnell, Joyce attended Iowa Methodist School of Nursing and received her registration (RN) in 1953. She also received a Master’s Degree in Child Development and Psychology. Joyce was an aspiring writer and Camp Nurse for San Diego County’s Outdoor Education Program. Joyce lived for 45 years in San Diego’s South Clairemont neighborhood, attended St. David’s Episcopal Church and served on the Vestry and Choir. Joyce radiated warmth and compassion for all those that she touched in the San Diego community. Donations can be made in Joyce’s name to: Saint David’s Episcopal Church in San Diego, www.saintdavidsch.org; The San Diego Humane Society, sdhumane.org.