

Susan Winokur Eisenberg



Susan Eisenberg, died peacefully at her home in San Francisco on May 22nd, she was 66 years old. She was the wife of Neil Eisenberg, the daughter of Peter and Natalie Winokur, sister of Peter and Robin Winokur and the niece of Maxine Kumin. Susan is survived by her husband Neil, her brother Peter Winokur and sister-in-law Dr. Robin Winokur; daughters Jocelyn Zanzot and Deborah Eisenberg and granddaughters Veronica and Violet Zanzot.

Susan's Aunt Maxine was the Poet of the Library of Congress and is a Pulitzer Prize winning author. When Susan was a child she spent two weeks with her Aunt Max at her farm in New England and thereafter had an everlasting dream of living on a farm with horses. She realized this dream when she and her husband purchased a home with stables in Glen Ellen, CA. where she kept her

beloved horse, Advocate.

Susan served as the Director of Senior Health Services in S.F. from 1983 to 1988; She was the Secretary of the National Council on Aging from 2001 to 2003; and the Vice President of the California National Women's Political Caucus in 1989. At the end of her career in 2006, she was recognized as a nationally prominent health policy analyst having written the law in California providing for in-home assistance. Her husband, Neil, a San Francisco trial attorney, was the President of the San Francisco Board of Permit Appeals from 1991 to 1993 and the Chairman of the Board of the Oceanic society from 1992 to 2012.

Susan was the proud mother of two daughters, Deborah Eisenberg and Jocelyn Zanzot, and loving grandmother of two granddaughters Veronica and Violet Zanzot. Susan's daughter Jocelyn is a professor of landscape architecture at Auburn University in Auburn Alabama; her daughter Deborah is a Strategic Advisor to the U.S. Department of State in Washington D.C.

Susan was fortunate to have the amazing medical care of Dr. Kathleen Grant at CPMC and Dr. Vincent Rajkumar and Dr. Suzanne Hayman at the Mayo Clinic. The family requests that any memorials be directed to either the CPMC foundation, Buchanan campus, San Francisco in honor of Dr. Kathleen Grant; the Mayo Clinic Foundation, Rochester, Minnesota in honor of Dr. Vincent Rajkumar and Dr. Suzanne Hayman or Children's hospital, Oakland, in honor of Dr. Robin Winokur. For the last 7 years these doctors have enriched Susan's life together with Susan's best friend, Dorrie Kamp and her riding companions Judy Larsen and Cindy Rowe. The family is truly grateful to them for their love, guidance and inspiration. Special mention must be made of Dr. Grant and Dr. Rajkumar, who certainly made up the most superb Oncology team on the planet.

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