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Jean Commons Chastain, December 19, 1923 – November 10, 2019 Jean Chastain passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 10, 2019. She was 95 years old. Jean was born in New York City to Davida Harris Franchi and Roy Harris. She was raised in Los Angeles and San Francisco by her mother and beloved stepfather Fred Franchi. She received both undergraduate and graduate degrees from U.C. Berkeley. Jean had a long and meaningful career as psychologist, child advocate and social worker. She was a pioneer in the field of pet therapy for children.She married Robert Rae Chastain in 1950. In 1951 her daughter Sally was born, followed by Laura, Kathy, Peter and Nora. She had an enduring love for dogs and sports, particularly anything to do with the Cal Bears. She served on many community boards, and was especially involved in the areas of classical music and early childhood development.Jean touched so very many people in her long, eventful, and happy life. She had a gift for connecting deeply and spiritually with all. Her determination to see things positively was a source of strength and comfort for colleagues, patients, friends, as well as her large extended and devoted family. She will be greatly missed.
She is predeceased by her husband Robert and her granddaughter Zoe. In addition to her five children, she is survived by her foster daughter Lu, her grandchildren Joshua, Christopher, Patrick, Maya and her great granddaughter Mina Zoe. A memorial service in celebration of Jean's life is being planned for February 2020. For details visit www.jeanchastainmemorial.com. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name can be made to The Crowden School, at www.crowden.org

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Jannie Dresser posted:

I had the good fortune to have been invited to Robert and Jean Chastain's home several times many years ago as I was a friend of their daughter, Kathy. Jean was always gracious and welcoming. I was amazed by the talent, intelligence, and strength of all of her children, who are all a reflection of both Jean and Robert. Sorry to hear the sad news of her death, but lucky to have met her on several occasions. May her memory comfort her loved ones as it will be a blessing to all who knew her.

November 18 at 8:15 AM

Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jean by contributing to a collection of shared memories.

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