

Gail Morris Jacobson

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Gail Morris Jacobson passed away in her sleep on Monday, Dec. 28, 2015, at home with her husband and children in attendance. She succumbed to kidney failure and breathing complications due to her many years of smoking. She never missed an opportunity to warn others about the dangers of smoking.

Gail was born in Bartlesville, Okla., grew up in Oklahoma City and earned a B.A. and M.S. in physiology at Mt. Holyoke College. She then moved on to Cornell University where she met her future husband, Ralph. Together, in four years, they produced two doctorate degrees in Biochemistry and two children David (now Vida) and Leif. They spent two years in Pasadena at Cal Tech. Then they moved to Norman, Okla., where Gail taught nutrition at OU, did research at the Medical School, and had a daughter, Kirsten. In 1975, the family moved to San Luis Obispo to teach in chemistry at Cal Poly, where they have lived ever since. Gail retired from teaching in 1992 and turned herself into an artist, studying at Cuesta and specializing in etching and printing. She was active in liberal political causes and this was reflected in many of her prints. She also loved to create whimsical prints of animals and fantasy subjects. One of her prints is in the permanent collection at the San Luis Art Museum. Gail was a Hotline volunteer for many years. She was most proud of her activities in protesting the Diablo Nuclear Plant.

Gail is survived by her husband, Ralph; daughter, Vida; son, Leif (Michele) and their twins Alexandra and Andy; daughter, Kirsten Croak (Brian) and their two daughters, Allison and Emily. Gail also has two sisters, Sharon Henry of Kingman, Ariz., and Linda Ciriacks (Ken) of Tucson, Ariz., as well as numerous nieces and nephews. In Lieu of flowers, Gail would like contributions in her memory to the Art Department at Cuesta College or Hotline-TMHA in San Luis Obispo. There will be an informal Celebration of Life on Feb. 6 at the Monday Club starting at noon. If you plan to attend please notify Mary Kubaki mondyclubevents@hotmail.com or 544-2013.

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