

## **Grace Robin Robbin, Ph.D**

February 21, 1939 - December 1, 2015

Grace R. Robbin Ph.D died in her home at Sea Ranch December 1, 2015. Grace, known to family and friends as Robin, was born February 21, 1939 in Mount Vernon, New York to Mae and Leon Robbin.

Robin graduated from Emma Willard School in 1956. She attended Mount Holyoke College receiving a BA in zoology. At Brown University she obtained her MS in biochemical endocrinology. In 1976 Robin received her MA in developmental psychology from San Francisco State University and later that year her Ph.D in developmental psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology. In 1977 she was licensed as a Psychologist, State of California.

During her years in San Mateo Robin worked for the County Child Development Service and was involved with the Community Mental Health Center, Peninsula Hospital and Medical Center in Burlingame. She also assisted at the Children's Health Home where she supported its pre school program for multiple physically disabled children 6 months to 2 years.

Beginning in 1977 Robin was in private practice, assisting primarily children under the age of 13 and their families. Her special areas of support involved family therapy and learning disability assessment. Through out her career she tirelessly volunteered her time to assist families and children develop, grow and prosper.

On January 9, 1977 she married Vern Werner Drehmel in San Mateo. For many years they worked together in private practice. Soon she and Vern began their love affair with the Northern California coast. They built their Sea Ranch home in 1988.

Even during her final months of treatment for cancer she worked hard as a tutor. Her last student was not reading well. Working diligently with him, Robin was proud of his progress, reading close to grade level after eight months.

Robin loved the arts especially the San Francisco Symphony and Opera, along with visits to New York theaters and museums with her cousins. She cherished her local book club and her friends she met at the gym. Robin will be missed by many in the Sea Ranch community.

Left to remember her kindness and generosity is her family: David Drehmel, Debbie Drehmel (Gary Mich), Lisa Drehmel (Michael Munrow),

Sara Mich, Jeffrey Mich, and Aston Karner. Robin is also survived by her three sisters: Susan Chace, Barbara Robbin and Gwendolyn Paine (Thomas Paine).

A Sea Ranch gathering to celebrate her life will occur at Del Mar House, February 21, 2016 from 11 am - 2:30 pm.

To send a note to her husband, write to:

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