

# Electa Sevier Black

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As the daughter of a shipping-line president, Electa Sevier Black had a storybook-like childhood, sailing on grand passenger ships that traveled between California and the Hawaiian Islands.

As an adult, she would grace La Jolla for many years, active in a number of clubs and charities.

Mrs. Black died Sunday in her La Jolla home of complications from a stroke. She was 62.

" She had a real love for the ocean, " said her son, Charles Randolph Black. " It was such a big part of her life. "

Born in Honolulu, she was the daughter of Electa and Randolph " Joe "

Sevier, who served as president of the then Matson Shipping Lines. That company, throughout much of the 1900s, boasted a number of liners that sailed the oceans.

Growing up, Electa Black sailed on such ships as the Lurline and lived both in San Francisco and Honolulu.

Described by family members as " spunky, " she became a favorite of staff on shipboard and while living at the Royal Hawaiian hotel on Waikiki, they said.

When a teen-ager, she had the honor of christening the luxury liner Mariposa in 1956. She did so with a single whack of a bottle of champagne, her family said.

Mrs. Black attended Miss Burke ' s School in San Francisco, Mount

Holyoke in Massachusetts and was graduated from the University of California Berkeley, where she studied journalism. She was a member of the Pi Phi sorority.

In 1964, after her marriage to William Faulkner Black, she moved to La Jolla, which was to be her home for more than 35 years. The Blacks later divorced.

She was active in the Junior League of San Diego, Las Patronas and investment clubs and donated her time to work on the committees of a number of charitable causes, including the Jewel Ball, the Charity Ball and the Birch Aquarium gala at Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

She was founder and co-owner of a La Jolla boutique, Monkey Business.

Mrs. Black continued to take cruises throughout her adult life, her son noted. She also had memorabilia from those earlier days on those glorious ships.

She is survived by her son, Charles, of Yarrow Point, Wash.; a daughter, Alexandra Black Narasin of Incline Village, Nev.; a brother, Phillip Sevier, of Honolulu; and four grandchildren.

Services will be private. The family suggests memorial gifts to San Diego Hospice, 4311 Third Ave., San Diego, CA 92103.

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Birth Name: Electa G Sevier  
Deceased Date: 09/15/02 Reunion Class(es): 1961

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Sevier, Ella C.(Sevier); Reunion Class: (2020) - Niece  
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