

Ellen (Elle) Jane Otchis



Ellen (Elle) Jane Otchis passed away on Feb 19, 2017 after a prolonged illness. She was born in San Diego and spent most of her early years there. She attended the University of Oregon after graduation from High School. Elle is survived by her loving and dedicated husband, John, her three adult children: Jamie, Jennie and Jed as well as many grandchildren. Elle attended the University of Oregon after High School and received her Teaching Credentials from California State College, Northridge. After college she taught elementary school for many years. Her many students loved her.

She led a full, energetic life, participating in Marathons, Iron Man competition, tennis, golf, tap dance and her great love: Music. She played many instruments expertly. Notably Flute with the Primetime Band and Ukulele with the Santa Barbara Ukulele Club. Music was at the heart of her soul.

Elle was a dedicated 12 step follower, an expert in Big Book Study having completed 44 years of Recovery and Sobriety on February 15, 2017. She was also a respected and loved member of Al Anon. She always stressed Recovery in every aspect of her life.

Her generous spiritual nature, caring life philosophy, attention to detail, gifted artistic qualities and pleasant, loving personality will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

At the end of her life she had two goals: To be out of pain and to be with Jesus. We are sure she accomplished both.

A Memorial/Celebration of life will be held at 11:00 AM on May 19, 2017 at the Chapel at the Santa Barbara Cemetery.