



## Susan Tebbe

December 10, 1942 - October 28, 2024

Susan Tebbe died on October 28, 2024 at Madrone Hospice House in Yreka, at the age of 81. The cause of death was breast cancer.

Born in Yreka on December 10, 1942 to George A. Tebbe, Jr. and Amelia Kuehl Tebbe, Susan was a descendant of Little Shasta pioneers Jesse and Mary Davis, who migrated from Ohio in the mid-1800s.

As a child, Susan could be seen riding her big white horse, Lady, through the outskirts of Yreka often with friends. She was actively involved in Girl Scouts and 4-H throughout her youth. Attending Yreka High School, she played trumpet in the school band and graduated as a proud member of the class of 1960.

Susan went on to graduate from California State Polytechnic College in 1964 with a degree in Agricultural Journalism, followed by travels to Scandinavia and Germany. She began her career in journalism as a reporter for the Redding Record Searchlight and later earned a master's degree from the University of Oregon ---- Go Ducks!

For the next two decades, Susan worked for United Press International. She started her UPI career in Portland, Oregon then went to Helena, Montana. She transferred to San Francisco in 1972 where she spent 12 years as a reporter and editor during exciting times in "The City", including the Patty Hearst kidnapping and the Milk - Moscone murders.

At 58, Susan joined the Peace Corp as an "old" volunteer. Her first post in 1990 was Zaire, at a tumultuous time in the country as it was sliding into

anarchy. After nine months the challenges became too great and the volunteers were evacuated back to the United States. She was later reassigned to a post in Guatemala. Susan completed the two year assignment helping people raise rabbits and chickens while living in the land of the Maya. Susan concluded her working career with the U.S. Forest Service in Fort Jones, working on backcountry trails and serving as a wilderness ranger. She and her dog, Star, spent many happy hours roaming the wilderness of the Klamath National Forest and beyond. She had a deep appreciation and profound love for the environment.

She was a lifelong birder, becoming more active after retirement. Later in life she became interested in genealogy, tracing the roots of her pioneer families and raising a small flock of multicolored chickens. Susan also dedicated time as a volunteer at the Etna Library. She loved and appreciated the Scott Valley community where she lived and the kindness of her friends and neighbors. She is preceded in death by her parents and a half sister, Jerry Lou Tebbe Shafer.

No services are planned. Donations in memory of Susan Tebbe can be made to Madrone Hospice House: 255 Collier Circle, Yreka 96097: <https://www.madronehospice.org/>.

# Tribute Wall



“ 4 files added to the album *Obituary Wall*



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**Girdner Funeral Chapel** - April 27 at 03:35 PM

AB

“ *I'll always remember Sue as my mentor that helped me with my Peace Corps application essays in 2010, and our times on the trail together through the Scott ranger district. I was accepted into the Peace Corps and served from 2011-13. I was inspired by all of Sues adventures and keen observations. Sue was always such a fantastic person and led a very inspiring and adventurous life. I am happy to have known Sue and Star.*

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**ALYSIA BALLINGER** - November 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I met Sue when she started working for the US Forest Service as a wilderness ranger. Sue loved Star and they hiked everywhere together cleaning up camping spots and putting them back in their natural state. My dog, Penny, went with Sue and Star on several missions but Penny was not her favorite and Sue had no problem letting me know. She put on a lot of miles in the wilderness and was sometimes out for days and days. One time, Carol Ballow and I helped clear a tree off of the lover's camp trail using a misery whip. She carried that thing all the way up and back out without a word of complaint. Sue also did a lot of the snow surveys each spring, snowshoeing into the sites on Scott Mountain and Etna summit. Carol and I joined her for many of those excursions. During her off times, she spent time reading our book club books and always shared an interesting perspective that I enjoyed. When covid hit, we would meet at the Etna Park and have lunch and visit while sitting 15 feet apart with our masks on. As for birds, she was very knowledgeable. I would text her with all the different birds I would come across in my travels and still texted up to her last days. She always had an answer or response of some kind. I miss her already but I know she will be watching over and guiding us in her own way. Rest in Peace my friend.

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**Mary Gausen** - October 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ She will be missed, for Susan gave much!

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**Liz Hockaday** - October 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Thank you for notice.

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**MaryLou LaCom** - October 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *To memories.Thanks!*

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**Carol Weekley** - October 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Susan Tebbe** - October 30, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *Wonderful obituary 🙏❤️*

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**Catherine Olivolo** - October 30, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Aww, she was such a nice neighbor and teenager!☐*

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**Charlene Broce** - October 30, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ *Honored to have cared for her!*

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**Lori Urrutia** - October 30, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ *My deepest condolences to her family and friends. 🙏🙏*

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**Kristen Naylor** - October 30, 2024 at 12:00 AM