



**Betty Bocks**  
**6/21/1921 to 5/28/2016**

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Betty was born in Fresno but moved to San Jose at age two. She attended San Jose High School when it shared a campus with San Jose State College. She met her late husband, Charles, who was attending San Jose State, when she was 17 and married him at 21, when he was in the Air Force in **WWH**. They lived in 14 places throughout the US while he served as a flight instructor.

After the war, they built a house on 30 acres in Santa Clara on land owned by her husband's father who was a rancher. Her husband became superintendent of the Santa Clara Packing Co. (canneries). Their four children grew up amid the orchards of cherries and pears. The land was subdivided in 1966, but they kept two-thirds of an acre, and Betty lived there until moving to SRC, and now one daughter will occupy the house. Betty and her children are all active in the management of a walnut ranch in Chico and the Planada Ranch near Merced (almonds and figs).

Betty enjoyed volunteer work, especially at the Home of Benevolence orphanage from 1946 until it became Eastfield. She and a friend founded the San Jose Junior League in 1948 which kept her very busy for years. Her husband enjoyed hunting and fishing and she accompanied him on many trips to Canada where she read while he fished. She also enjoyed their trips to Europe - Italy was her favorite place - as well as cruises. Betty always owned dogs - from Irish setters to dachshunds (3) to labradors (5) - but no longer. She now has eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Before moving to SRC Betty knew Pat Bergna in Junior High, Betty Stubenrauch and Grace Matthews at San Jose State, Flo **Brad&t** and Joanne Petersen while volunteering, and Martha Kozlowski.