



Orpha Kenville  
Died: August 27, 2024

Orpha was born in Minot, North Dakota , the fifth child of Norwegian immigrants. She went to Iowa State University at Ames, graduating with a major in Dietetics followed by an internship in Boston. She served in the U.S. Army as a dietitian and also worked in Food Service at the University of Illinois.

She came to San Francisco in 1950 and was employed at Children's Hospital. She made a career change by becoming a secretary at Standard Oil which she enjoyed . She met her husband in a folk dancing class in 1952, and they were married in 1954. He worked for Bancroft Whitney Co. in San Francisco as a credit manager. They had one daughter who is married and living in Illinois. Their home was in Millbrae for 47 years. He died in 2004.

All their adult lives, Orpha and her husband enjoyed folk and square dancing as well as traveling. They took cruises, bus tours in Europe and the U.S. and attended 19 Elder-hostels . They particularly enjoyed visiting Norway where they met relatives .

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