



Rosemary Gill

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Rosemary was raised in Maine until her family moved to the Bay Area in 1920. She speaks with great pride of her sea captain father who was commissioned by the U.S. Navy to transport desperately needed aviation gasoline throughout the South Pacific and Indian Ocean during WWII. She went to Piedmont High School and later attended UC Berkeley where she majored in fashion design and art. She met her husband while they were commuting together across the Bay to their respective jobs near Union Square in San Francisco. They were married in 1940 and eventually moved to San Jose where they had one son. Her husband owned and ran Gill's Pharmacy for many years in downtown San Jose. Besides helping her husband in the pharmacy, she volunteered at the San Jose Hospital. After retirement they spent 29 happy years at the Oakmont Retirement Community in Santa Rosa before returning to the South Bay.

Rosemary is an accomplished artist, in both watercolors and oils. She had a studio in Santa Rosa and some of her beautiful, detailed landscapes adorn the walls of her present apartment. As one of her most memorable travel experiences she recalls a month long trip in their small RV all over Southern Europe.