



Barbara Tiernan

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Frank Tiernan

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Frank was born in Detroit where he graduated from high school and went on to Boston University College of Engineering. From there he crossed the country to Stanford where he got an MBA and went to work for Wiltron Company, an early offshoot of Hewlett-Packard specializing in microwave instrumentation. He met Barbara living in the same apartment building in Cupertino, and they were married in 1984. In 1990 Wiltron was acquired by Anritsu Company, a Japanese firm headquartered in Tokyo. Frank worked for Anritsu in various engineering and managerial capacities until retiring in 2015. During his tenure with Anritsu he visited many of the world's most interesting cities, sometimes meeting up with Barbara for a bit of rest and relaxation when their busy individual schedules would permit. He has two sons from a previous marriage. Frank and Barbara have lived in Saratoga for 26 years and enjoy playing bridge and Scrabble. Frank also enjoys golf, jogging, reading, tinkering with electronics and tutoring math to junior high students in San Jose.

Barbara was born in Columbus, Ohio, but came to Carmel Valley when very young, and graduated from high school there. She went to Stanford to study languages and geology, but transferred to UCLA during her junior year to take advantage of UCLA's courses in architecture. She married in 1955 and had four children. When the children were in school, she went to work as an office manager for Airrigation Engineering (AE) and later became President of that corporation. Later Barbara formed a separate corporation called Foam Innovation which then became a subsidiary of AE. She served there as President for 20 years, in Pleasanton. In 1989 she took a break to work for Stanford, managing earthquake preparedness. Early in life Barbara lived in Alabama, Texas, Washington State and Ohio. Her favorite places to visit are Canada and Switzerland. She also has enjoyed showing Arabian horses, playing tournament tennis, ice dancing and recently raising flowers, playing bridge and reading fiction. She treasures her two surviving children and her connection with four children who lived with her at one time, as well as with Frank's sons and new grandson.