



DOROTHEA "CHERIE" ANTONIA ADAMS MASON

March 8, 1931 - January 15, 2016

Cherie Adams Mason

After a long and courageous battle with non-smoker's lung cancer, our beautiful, intelligent loving and very brave mother passed away January 15 at 9:49pm. She set the bar very high when it comes to facing and battling a terminal disease. Mom never once questioned, "Why me?" She faced the disease head-on and fought a good fight. Our mom was a strong, independent woman who taught her children many important things about life. She taught us how to love unconditionally; how to face challenges directly, without hesitation; and how to have patience. Most important, she taught us to be aware of the beauty in our surroundings. Mom had the knack to notice even the smallest details in the world around her. She loved looking at cloud formations and colors; she noticed amazing details in shadows; she noticed little bugs scurrying on leaves and the way drops of dew fell to the ground. She opened our eyes to all of the beauty we miss as we hurry around in our busy lives. There is a huge void in our lives with Mom gone. We are so thankful to hold cherished memories of her in our hearts and are grateful that the strong sense of family she instilled in each of us will help fill the hole her passing has left in our lives.

Born on March 8, 1931 in San Francisco, Cherie was the only child of Dorothy and Anton Dolenz. Anton was the brewmaster at Acme Beers' San Francisco brewery in the 1940-50's, and Cherie would recall fascinating details about the brewery and visits to hops farms in the north with her father. When Cherie was

a teenager the family moved to Woodside where she loved nothing more than riding her horse bareback through Huddart Park and the Crystal Springs property. Cherie graduated from Stanford University in 1953 and married Lee Adams in 1954. Their family grew as Lee's work took them from Sacramento to Amarillo to St. Louis then back to the Bay Area. Finally settling in Monte Sereno, she instilled her love of animals and nature in her children. After divorcing, Cherie moved to Grass Valley where she was able to raise her beloved Arabian horses. On November 29, 1997, Cherie married Robert Mason and shorthorn cattle were added to her livestock mix. Cherie was preceded in death by her second husband, Robert Mason, and is survived by her four children: Wendy (Randy) Tomer, Carol (Larry) Fisher, Suzy (Steve) Rogers, Brian (Sharon) Adams and 9 grandchildren. Donations may be made in Cherie's name to Animal Place or Sammie's Friends both in Grass Valley.

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“ *My deep condolences to all Cherie family members.*

For some time I have been searching for relatives (of my mother's side) and I found this obituary.

Cherie was my grand-grand aunt: her father Anton Dolenz was brother to my grand-grandfather Karol. When she was 6 years old, she visited Karol and his family in 1937 with her parents (Anton and Dorothy) in Železniki, Slovenia (Europe). That is the place where our family still lives.

I would be very happy if any of family members of deceased Cherie would contact me on e-mail: igor.smid@gmail.com.

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