



MERRILL LEE SWORD

September 24, 1942 - July 12, 2016

Merrill Lee Sword, aka Sabrina Sword, died July 12, 2016 at her home in Nevada City following a lengthy battle with lung disease.

A long time resident of Nevada City, she was a graduate of Placer High School in Auburn. Sabrina's first job was with the telephone company in Sacramento. She then worked for the California Highway Patrol. Later, Sabrina was employed by the State of California. Her position upon retirement was the California Department of Transportation, District 3 Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator.

Sabrina enjoyed drawing and making jewelry — both bead and enamel work (she donated pieces to the KVIE Art Auction and was thrilled when a piece sold for double the estimate). She was also a passionate horse lover and tried the 24-hour Tevis Cup ride twice. Her comment: “the horse could have made it, I couldn't”. Then she volunteered with the Tevis Cup ride until health problems forced her to stop.

She is survived by her sister Linda Sword Johnson of Orangevale; several cousins; her two cats; and her beloved horse Cody.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Martin and Virginia Sword.

Please consider a donation to Sammie's Friends Animal Care, 14647
McCourtney Road, Grass Valley, CA 95949.