

# Lifecycles *A Celebration of Life*

## Barrie Skinner - Sunrise: July 27, 1944 Sunset: June 2, 2017

**B**arrie Skinner died of pancreatic cancer on June 2, 2017 at her home in East Palo Alto. She is survived by Loren Courtland Skinner, II, her husband, Heidi Jill Graham, daughter, Nicole Sherry Pelton, daughter, and Loren C. Skinner, III, son and Ronald and Todd Shuffler, her brothers. She had five grandchildren, Ivy Skinner, Chris Skinner, Jordan Graham, Keegan Pelton and Donovan Pelton.

Barrie graduated in 1966 with a B.S. in Math from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, one of 18 women



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in a class of nearly 1000. After moving to Arizona in 1966 and having a family, she and husband, Court, moved to California where Court got a job working for American

Microsystems, Inc. an early member of the budding semi-

conductor industry. She decided to go to work when Ralph Vaerst of Ion Equipment Corporation offered her a job selling ion implanters. She subsequently worked for a number of companies that served the semiconductor

manufacturing business including Nikon and Horiba Instruments, Inc. She always took care of her customers and earned their respect as well as that of her competitors. As at M.I.T. she succeeded in an environment dominated by men and was a role model for many young women who succeeded her in the business.

She retired at 65, shortly after moving to East Palo Alto, CA. She worked for a while at *Community Legal Services* in East Palo Alto and for the East Palo Alto Senior Center and then with her husband also retired she followed a long term dream of traveling to interesting places around the world -

Australia to view an eclipse of the sun, Paris to listen to William Webster's opera, Austria, Barcelona, Majorca, Italy and finally Morocco in northern Africa.

She loved to tell stories. Her quick wit and cheerful smile will be missed by her family and friends around the world.

Her memorial service was on Tuesday June 13, 2017 (which would have been Court and Barrie's 52nd wedding anniversary) from 5 - 7 PM at Jones Mortuary and there was a reception (with food) at The House of Bigger Girls (Marilyn Scott's place at 2261 Clarke Avenue) following the service.