Charlotte Field Damon (1933 - 2018)



Charlotte Field Damon, October 19, 1933 - June 2, 2018 VISTA, CA

Charlotte was born in Brunswick. Maine to Herman and Evelyn Field. She had a lovely childhood with her sister Joan in that idyllic college town. When Charlotte was 15, she was the organist at Berean Baptist Church. The love of her life Phillip Parker Damon, was attending Bowdoin College in Brunswick and started attending that church. Their life together began. Phillip and Charlotte were married October 11, 1952 and moved to Concord, MA, then Pennsylvania before settling in Vista, CA in 1960 where they raised their family. Phillip and Charlotte have four children: Bruce Damon (Sharon), Vista, CA, Keith Damon (Diane), Fairbanks, AK, Judy Smith (Rhett), Monterey, CA and Beth Puente (Mike), Carlsbad, CA. There are nine grandchildren: Forrest Damon, Fletcher

Damon, Bianca Puente, Chase Puente (Cara), Alden Damon, Katie Damon, Nathan Damon, Courtney Smith, Foster Smith. Two AFS exchange students are like family members: Oreste Marchiaro from Tucuman, Argentina and Belgin Elbir (Karayazici) from Zonguldak, Turkey.

Charlotte was actively involved in many organizations and philanthropic groups throughout her life. Some of these groups were P.E.O., Laubach Ministries, PTA, and American Field Service. Charlotte's friendly personality made people feel welcome and helped these organizations grow and thrive in the community. Phil and Charlotte traveled the world extensively and frequently studied in foreign countries. They enjoyed mingling closely with people and cultures around the world. In 1979 Charlotte opened The World's Fare', a gift store in Vista, CA. For thirty years she enjoyed buying and displaying beautiful items from their travels. Her store reflected her personality and was a beloved place by many. The store continues to this day under new ownership. Charlotte especially enjoyed Grace Presbyterian Church in Vista, CA, where she was a Charter Member, and First Church UCC in Belfast, Maine. Charlotte was a voracious reader, and loved to garden and until recently, rarely missed a day walking in the neighborhood be it Vista, Belfast, Maine or a foreign land. She will be missed greatly by her family and friends. Services will be held next Saturday the 16th of June at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church in Vista. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to: Operation Hope of Vista or Creciendo Juntos; the afternoon youth tutoring program through Grace Presbyterian Church; or The First Church in Belfast Youth Fund.