



Catherine Jean Tweed

Passed Away May 11, 2000

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From the May 28, 2000 Press Democrat:

Phoenix, Sarah R. (aka Catherine Jean Tweed) —Daughter of Shirley Ruth, San Francisco and George C. Tweed, Nevada City, CA, made her passage into Light and Life on May 11, 2000 at her home in Graton which she shared with her committed partner Dorrit Effinger. Sarah was born in San Diego, CA, May 14, 1946, a fourth generation San Diegan. She graduated from Helix High School, La Mesa, attended San Diego State University and Pasadena city College following which she became a weaver, a jewelry designer and photographer. Her professional life included teaching arts and crafts at John Woolman High School, grant writing for the Alcoholic Center for Women, Los Angeles, and after her move to San Francisco in 1976, she became the Financial Director of Baker Places, a residential and counseling program for those recovering from mental illness. Sarah joined Olivia Records in Oakland as Vice President and General Manager of this first all-women's recording and performing company in the country. Sarah left Olivia to begin her own businesses; Russian River Lazer Font, Phoenix Type and Design, and Phoenix Bookkeeping Services. Gardening and her lifelong fascination with plants led Sarah to complete her education at Santa Rosa Junior College and Sonoma State University where she graduated with honors in 1996. At the time of her death she had completed all but her semester of field studies and her thesis for a Master's Degree in Ethnobotany.

Sarah is survived by her parents, her partner and her extended family; her sons from her marriage to Anthony L. Brown, Santa Clara, CA; Aaron L. Brown, Phoenix, AZ and Christopher J. (Kham) Brown, Santa Rosa; brother Thomas P. Tweed and wife Maryann Callery, La Jolla, CA and Douglas B. (Marina) Tweed, Nevada City, CA; sister-in-law Ann Ponzio, Santa Rosa; grandchildren Amanda Brown and Mable Shirley Brown; niece Anina Tweed and nephew Andrew Tweed, Nevada City, CA; and nephew Russell Tweed, Tucson, AZ; stepchildren Zelma and Kevin Legendre and Emmanuel Frederich (partner Karen Roberts) all of Katy, TX and Ira Frederich (Linda) Austin, TX, step grandchildren Justin and Tommy Phavong, Brittany, Kayla and Samantha Smith, Ira Baines and Sierra Frederich; Sarah's aunts Donna Dew, Jacksonville, FL and Mrs. James L. Lewis, Broomfield, CO. All will miss Sarah as will her loving cousins, friends and students.

Sarah's wishes were to have a simple cremation and a scattering of her ashes at Goat Rock Beach on the Sonoma Coast. A private ceremony took place on May 18 in which the four who loved and took care of her throughout her four and a half months' rapid decline from a metastasized renal cancer — her partner Dorrit, her mother Shirley and her sons Aaron and Chris—gave Sarah back to the earth, the winds and the sea. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts to Memorial Hospice, 558 B Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95404 or to Face-to-Face, Sonoma County AIDS network, 873 Second St., Santa Rosa, CA 95404.