



Barbara Wheelock

September 17, 1919 - December 21, 2012

WHEELOCK, BARBARA Was born September, 1919, in Vallejo, CA to George Wheelock, Sr. and Lorena O'Gara Wheelock. Her paternal great-grandfather was an early settler of Northern California, arriving there from New England during the gold rush of 1849. Her great-grandmother followed and arrived in San Francisco after making the journey around the horn of South America. Her maternal great-grandfather, James Leeson, was born in Ireland, and after service in the Civil War, settled in Socorro, New Mexico in 1879. He was a well-known leader in the Territory and early days of New Mexico. Her parents moved from the Bay Area of California to Albuquerque in 1926. She graduated from Albuquerque High and attended Business College. She was employed in the office of the Assistant Chief of Engineers in Washington, DC during World War II. Near the end of the war, she returned to Albuquerque and worked for the military at both Kirtland Field and Sandia Base, but the balance of her career was as an employee of Sandia Laboratories. She retired from there after twenty-five years. Left to grieve is her beautiful Pruney. She is survived by her sister, Rose Tafoya and husband Herman; sister-in-law, Carolyn Wheelock, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, George Wheelock Jr., who lost his life in World War II, brother David Wheelock, and brother, James Wheelock, Sr; and last beloved dog, Tina. She was known for her love of animals and many abandoned dogs and cats found a home with her. She loved them all and they have been waiting for her. Now they have crossed the Rainbow Bridge

together. Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at FRENCH - University, 1111 University Blvd. NE. Interment with follow at Fairview Memorial Park.

Tribute Wall

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“*Tonight I hung up the bird house that I bought for a couple of finches that have been hanging around my back porch. They seem lost, but they have "Bobby's House" now. I hope they will move in and feel the warmth and love that Bobby's house will provide. I love you Bobby.*

Trish Fowler - January 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CA

“*I will always remember my Aunt Bobbie as one of the first liberated women that I knew, and that had great influence on me throughout my life, She also was greatly admired for her love of animals, and tireless work with them.....love always!*

carrey - December 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“*Dear Bobby, how loving she was to all her pets and strays she fed. An avid animal welfare benefactor and philanthropist, she also served in our country's scientific efforts through most of the cold war era, a true patriot. Her sharp memory, impromptu wit, and candid opinion was enjoyed by everyone around her and will be missed. I was blessed with all the great times spent with her.*

Michael Wheelock - December 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“*To Rose and Family and dear Mike. Bobbie held special places in her heart for you. She was dear person and her political wit was a delight. Her place in Heaven will be filled with her furry friends. God Bless.Jo Ann Barnicki and family*

Jo Ann Barnicki - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

Bernadette Touchton and Team - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Bobby and I became very close friends. We hit it off right away. I'll miss our conversations and visits. I'm so fortunate to have had her in my life and as a true friend. I'm grateful to Michael, her nephew, for his never ending dedication and care for her. Also, her care givers from Retreat at Home and Hospice De La Luz who all surrounded her with respect, love and excellent care which was such a comfort for her. Rest In Peace Bobby.*

Mary Hardy - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM