

Helen Vine

Helen Vine of San Rafael died unexpectedly on March 23, 1996, at the age of 25.

Helen was born in San Francisco and lived most of her life in Marin. She also lived in Saudi Arabia and England from 1980 to 1984. During these years, she went on safari in Kenya and traveled extensively in Europe with her family. She also visited Australia in 1978.

As a child, Helen played on softball and soccer teams. In recent years, she was a baseball enthusiast and loyal supporter of the San Francisco Giants.

She attended Terra Linda High School where her activities included tutoring students with learning disabilities. She also attended Sacramento State University.

Her love of animals, for which she was well-known, led to her volunteering at Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael, the Marin Humane Society in Novato, and the Wildlife Center in San Rafael. A skilled equestrienne, Helen derived as much pleasure from nurturing and grooming horses as she did from riding them.

Helen was a member of the Marin Chapter of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill (AMI) whose mission is to provide support, education and advocacy for the seriously mentally ill and their families.

Helen is survived by her parents, Peter and Diana Vine, and her brother, Paul Vine, all of San Rafael. She is also survived by aunts, uncles and cousins in England and Australia.

Tax-deductible memorial contributions may be made payable to:
AMI-MARIN HELEN VINE MEMORIAL FUND at 710 C Street,
Suite 215, San Rafael, CA 94901. (Phone: 456-9419).

The purpose of this fund is to help end homelessness and contribute to vital de-tox and drug treatment programs for residents of Marin who are diagnosed with serious mental illness and who also suffer from severe drug addiction.



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Nov. 8, 1970 - Mar. 23, 1996