

WAINWRIGHT, Judith Smith — Died peacefully at her home in San Francisco after a short illness on October 11, 2002 at the age of 79.

Born in New York City on April 10, 1923, she claimed to be the dog's bow-wow for Betty Boop and to have been arrested at 12 for handing out communist pamphlets. In 1940 she enrolled in the Iowa State Writer's Workshop, and later in the Theater Department at Washington State University in Seattle. In 1967 she received a Master of Library Science at UC Berkeley. From 1967 to 1988 she served as Head Reference Librarian at USF.

In retirement she was affiliated with the San Francisco Quilters Guild, Book Club of California, and donated time to the Friends of the Public Library. She loved reading, opera, theater and had a particular fondness for Ashland's Shakespeare Festival, the Lamplighter's Gilbert and Sullivan and the Rhododendron Dell.

Generous portions of love and food were always on hand for friends and family in her home she called "a madhouse." She will be remembered for her openness, warmth, and outrageousness.

She is survived by her children Abigail Anne Wainwright, Steven Wainwright, Matthew Eliot Smith and Devon Erica Ward; by her brother Anthony Lenzer; her daughter-in-laws Tina Wainwright, Dayle Smith, Susan Perry; her son-in-law James Hill, her grand children Isabella and Josephine Hill, Nicholas and Jake Wainwright, Jason, Eamon and Paul Smith, Mark and Barbara Ward; and great grand children Megan and David Ward, as well as a large family of friends.

A Celebration of her life will be held at her daughter's home.