



Jeanne Matysiak- In Memoriam

Jeanne Matysiak died on 27th May 2023 from an accident. Wanda Lewis wrote: It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Jeanne (Hale) Matysiak, a beautiful daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, and friend to so many. Her energy and generosity live on in our hearts. We are forever grateful for the time and adventures we shared with her. She will truly be missed by many. Jeanne was bigger than life, a remarkable talented generous woman that seemed to have endless energy.

Some of Jeanne's guild accomplishments: she ran the 2018 QuiltAway 15 at Walker Creek Ranch, and in 2019 she put together a Mini-Quilt Retreat also at Walker Creek Ranch. She has donated numerous hours to longarm quilting quilts for community outreach, Laguna Honda, and for the veterans—and she has donated numerous quilts to those organizations. She was a recipient of many quilt awards.

She was involved in so many other organizations outside of San Francisco Quilters Guild. Here's a few of them: American Legion Auxiliary/American Legion, Mizpah Fellowship, Boys and Girls Club, Native Sons; and she served on the Jefferson Union High School board for eight years starting in 2008.

Jeanne sent a couple messages for the newsletter a few days before her passing; an unexpected final hurrah . . . I'm so very thankful for the newsletter. I look forward to reading the online and save my copy of the printed version too. I don't do zoom so you are my window to the guild and what's happening. I was emailing with Gloria recently about QuiltAway and/or a retreat. I have been thinking a lot about what I want to commit to doing. She suggested I write something for the newsletter. I now have three grandsons and I'm spending as much time with them as my work schedule allows. The four-year-old is coming to visit for swimming lessons and hide 'n seek games often. Of course the one-month-old and two-month-old babies need grandma's cuddling. Ideas for the newsletter article are floating in my head and need your help putting together a call for volunteers. Our quilt show was absolutely the best! I first joined the guild because everyone wanted to go to a QuiltAway retreat. There was a limit of how many

quilters a site could accommodate and you sent in your deposit and workshop preferences as soon as registration opened. We hired workshop leaders and the guild funded their fees and accommodations. We have held a couple of retreats with no fees paid by the guild, good times with new and old friends working on independent projects. I have amazing memories from both types of getaways. The guild needs a committee to plan our next opportunity to gather. It could be full scale or something more casual, it's up to the new committee to plan. Help please, you are so good writing our newsletter. Let me know your thoughts. QuiltAway or Mini-Retreat, Getaway with Quilters. I joined the guild many years ago so I could attend QuiltAway. Three nights with fellow quilters, classes and fun, grand memories. Once I went, I never missed a QuiltAway. The guild paid for the workshop instructors and each of us paid for our room and meals. QuiltAway was offered every other year. You sent in your deposit and workshop preferences as soon as registration opened. Two years seemed too far to wait for another opportunity to gather so mini-retreats were arranged. No guild expense, no workshops. Time together with new and old friends to sew on your own projects..., Jeanne Matysiak. QC June 2023. Excerpts