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## Loretta Delinger



1931 - 2023

Loretta crossed over the Rainbow Bridge greeted by the countless dogs that have been waiting to greet the Trainer they have loved so much! She was born in Villa Park, Illinois, the eldest child of Dorothy and Ronald Soper.

Her brother, Retired USN CWO 3, Ronald E. Soper, lives in San Diego. In her early life she roller skated on a platform attached to the top of her aunt and uncle's car, as they performed throughout the Midwest Summer carnival scene. Loretta met her husband, Jack Delinger (pre-deceased) at these carnivals. They married and settled in Orinda.

Loretta held dog training classes at the Orinda Community Center for nearly 40 years. A marching group of her students were a colorful addition to the Orinda 4th of July Parade for many years as "Loretta's K9 Good Citizens".

She became a world recognized Obedience and Rally Judge for various organizations, primarily the American Kennel Club (AKC) and she was instrumental in

developing the sport of Rally Obedience when it was introduced by the AKC in 2005.

A gathering will be held in memory of Loretta on Sunday, October 29, from 2-4 p.m., in the Garden Room of the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda.

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