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Barbara Harbuck
Feb. 4, 1938 – Nov. 28, 2019, Resident of Moraga, CA

The family of Barbara Jane Harbuck is sad to announce her passing on Thanksgiving Day. She is survived by her loving husband Col. James Harbuck, her sister Nancy Gnepper, brother Steve Johnson, grandchildren Haley and Cooper Harbuck, daughter-in-law Jill Harbuck, and many other loving family members. Her beloved son David predeceased her in 2016.

Barbara was a longtime resident and community leader in Moraga and had established a wide circle of friends throughout Lamorinda. She had a passion for people and tirelessly devoted her life to her family, friends, and philanthropic organizations. In her early career she was a grade-school teacher. She was a volunteer at John Muir hospital and the Navy League. She was a strong supporter of education, and a longtime respected member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Barbara served as President of AAUW in 1967-88 and won the AAUW Distinguished Woman Award in 2004.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Feb. 1 at 1:30 pm at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette branch of AAUW to support women’s education.