



## Jennette Howard

August 24, 1944 - May 27, 2021

We are here to celebrate the life of Jennette Howard, born August 24, 1944 in Vallejo, CA to the proud parents of Arthur and Robbie Watts.

Jennette spent her youth in Richmond, CA, before relocating to Berkeley and later Emeryville, where she attended Emeryville High School. Jennette was an exceptional student and avid reader.

In 1960, she met Andrew Howard, who swept her off her feet. The two were married in April of 1961 for 20 years. Jennette gave birth to five beautiful children: Andrew, Jr. (Pee Wee), Antoinette, Trina, Sherri and Robbie. Jennette and Andrew lived in Hayward, CA, soon thereafter purchasing their dream home in Union City, CA.

Jennette was known for her infectious laugh and being the life of every party. She was also known for her interior decorating skills; each room in her home was meticulously decorated with a touch of class. Having a knack for entertaining, it was always common to hear a house full of laughter, dancing and loved ones playing Bid Whist to the sweet sounds of "Down Home Blues" by Z.Z. Hill in her home. She, along with her sister, Betty Galbert, were notorious for making folks (young and old) walk away from the card game with their tails between their legs.

She loved to dance, and during her younger years would teach her cousin, Shirley Davis, the latest moves. Shirley was from Stockton, so Jennette felt obliged to ensure that she was “gamed,” as the young folks would say.

Jennette worked at Saint Rose Hospital in Hayward, CA for over 8 years as a Nursing Assistant, later transitioning to private care, providing the utmost service and support to patients. She was known for reassuring clients that everything would be ok by providing laughter, the will to live and confidence to sustain the pain.

During her time at St. Rose, she met her best friend, Rosemary Grant, who she spent many years creating memories with, developing a bond with their children, partying and causing a little bit of mischief; a bond always worth the ride. In April 2021, Rosemary received a spiritual yearning to see Jennette, so she asked her daughter to purchase her a plane ticket to leave Texas to visit her old friend. During this wonderful visit, they shared laughter and reminisced good times spanning over nearly 50 years. Jeanette had some additional ride or die friends: Shirley, Margo, and Cleo, all of whom she shared memories throughout decades.

Jennette loved to travel, exploring the beauty of the Caribbean, all over the states and wherever she decided to create a memory, always willing to explore whatever life had to offer. She always believed that the sky is the limit and one must take chances, be fierce, learn from experiences and enjoy the journey of life.

In 1998, Jennette relocated from the San Francisco Bay Area to Sparks, NV to be closer to her parents and sister. Jeanette and Betty were like Thelma and Louis. These sisters shared the joy of laughter, arguments and Super Bowl Sundays together. If ever you called one of these lovely ladies, you’d think it was a room full of people, of course it would only be the two; each

sister insisting they knew more about football than the other. They had a bond that was truly remarkable, they would make fun of each other, but dared anyone else to do the same. If you thought about saying something, you best keep silent, because Jenny carried her heat aka Junior. Jeanette was always on standby when it came to her children and family. She was fearless.

Jennette loved her brother Kenneth, although she often said, “He thinks he’s the boss of me, I’m the damn oldest! He thinks he knows everything, I’m much more seasoned, been around the block a few times. That’s my baby brother, you know I raised him!”

Seven years ago, Jennette was diagnosed with kidney failure and began receiving weekly dialysis. She did not let grass grow on a busy street, she continued to frequent her favorite hangout spot Western Village, providing donation and of course receiving donations. On any given day, Jennette could be found sitting in the corner of her couch mastering the art of twirling her shoe on her big toe, playing her slot machine game for hours and watching her “how to” shows on HGTV. She was a self-proclaimed Home Interior Designer, remember? She was constantly getting tips for her upcoming projects.

Although her health was declining, she tried to stay positive by enjoying family conversation via phone calls or visits. She shared elaborate stories that included you. Stories so fascinating, you really thought you were there!

Jennette loved getting her hair done by her niece Aisha, her own personal beautician. She had to look good for her dialysis appointment.

She always wanted the best for her children, the best living environment and the best education. She wanted them to always reach for the stars, no matter

how far. She encouraged them to always be the best example of themselves and to instill the best within their children. She loved spending time with her nieces and nephews, going to the movies, dinners and just hanging out, providing many words of wisdom.

On May 27, 2021, Ms. Jennette Howard was given her wings, discontinuing her journey on earth and beginning her eternal life. She is preceded in death by both her parents and stepfather Leroy "Eli" Haile, brother Arthur Watts, Jr. and daughter Sherri Howard. She leaves to cherish her loving memories her siblings, Betty Galbert and Kenneth Watts; her children Andrew Howard, Jr., Antoinette Howard, Trina Kayo and Robbie Foxworth; her ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren; son-in-law, Ryan Foxworth; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, distant relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN 4. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (PT)

Harris Funeral Home Legacy Center  
1331 San Pablo Ave.  
Berkeley, CA 94702  
(510) 525-1331  
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## Service

JUN 4. 4:00 PM (PT)

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## Interment

JUN 7 (PT)

Fernwood Crematory  
301 Tennessee Valley Road  
Mill Valley, CA 94941

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