



## Susan Nickel Trimble

March 14, 2024

Dr. Susan Trimble, 83, passed away on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley, California. She was born on Aug. 31, 1940, in Eureka, Illinois, daughter of Frank W. Nickel Jr. and Bertha McCarver Nickel. Susan graduated from Monmouth College in 1962 and the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago in 1966, one of 8 women in a class of 156. She practiced ophthalmology in Oak Park, Ill. and at Loyola University Medical Center.

Susan volunteered with FOCUS (Foreign Ophthalmological Care from the United States), to provide eye care in Haiti in the 1970s and Nigeria in the 1980s. She spent the next phase of her career as a site reviewer for the ACGME, an organization that accredits medical schools.

Susan enjoyed visiting medical programs, speaking with doctors and residents around the country and spending weeks at a time in New York and San Francisco with her sons. Susan was a longtime resident of Barrington, Illinois until moving to California in 2018 to live near her sons and grandchildren. She was a devoted friend, daughter, niece, sister, mom, and cousin and cultivated many lifelong friendships. She will be remembered fondly for her wry sense of humor, facility for great conversation and love of the opera, theater, tennis, birding, reading, traveling, and food and wine.

Susan is survived by her sons, Chris (Erica) Trimble of San Francisco, California, and Brett (Emilie) Trimble of Kentfield, California; grandchildren Keira, Elena, Colin and Sara; and sister Joan (Neal) Sanders of Menomonee

Falls, Wisconsin. She was preceded in death by her parents. A private memorial service will be held at a future date in Eureka, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

# Previous Events

## Cremation

MAR **20**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Cypress Lawn Cemetery  
Colma, CA