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## Mary Jule *Beaubier* Fitzpatrick

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| BIRTH       | 28 Jul 1935                            |
| DEATH       | 10 Nov 2009 (aged 74)                  |
| BURIAL      | Unknown                                |
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Jule Fitzpatrick died after a brief illness. She was born Mary Jule Beaubier in Evanston, Illinois to Edward Jerome Beaubier, formerly of Brandon, Manitoba, Canada and the former Alice Smedburg of Chicago, Illinois.

The family moved to Fresno in 1946, where Jule attended Longfellow Junior High School and graduated from Fresno High School in 1953. At Fresno State College she was a legacy member of the Delta Gamma sorority and received a bachelor's degree in Physical Education in 1957.

She worked as a playground director for the Fresno Recreation Department where she met her husband, Edward Maurice "Doats" Fitzpatrick. They married in August of 1959, and immediately left for teaching and coaching positions in the U.S. military dependent schools, first in Japan and then in Berlin, where they arrived a week before the wall went up.

After traveling extensively in Europe, the couple returned stateside in 1964, with a collection of mid-century modern art and furniture.

Jule completed her master's degree at Fresno State and taught physical education there until 1972, when she left to become a devoted mother.

During the next decades, Jule raised three children while caretaking her mother-in-law, who suffered Alzheimer's, and then her own parents.

She earned an associate degree in Building Construction from

Fresno City College in 1992, and became a skilled remodeler of her main residence and several rental houses. She then built her opus, an architect-designed home on ten acres in the Central Coast's wine country.

She loved her family, her friends, her animals, her land and her art. Her smile, style, wit and warmth will be missed.

The family thanks Jule's dear friends Myrna Staal and Nana Redell for their support during her illness.

She was predeceased by her sister Adelaide Webster. Jule is survived by her husband of 50 years; her children, Jodi Fitzpatrick and her husband, Marc Kerkochian, Jay Fitzpatrick, Beau Fitzpatrick and his wife Kimberly; and grandchildren, Jack, Julia and Benjamin; and her brother, Jeff Beaubier of Washington D.C.; and niece Nike Beaubier.

A Celebration and reception will be held at the Fresno Art Museum, on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring a memory to share. Remembrances may be made to the Central California SPCA.

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