



Woman of History

Patricia Bettencourt Tharp 1954-2015

Patty grew up in Modesto. She attended St Stanislaus Catholic School, graduated from Grace Davis High School and received her Bachelor's Degree in social welfare from CSU Chico. She and her husband Ray raised two sons, Garret and Jeffrey. Patty had a 32 year career with the Modesto Bee as Circulation/Marketing Manager. She had a strong commitment to her community and her profession. She headed "Kids Day", a special fundraiser for the Salvation Red Shield Center. Patty was on the advisory council at the Salvation Army Red Shield Center. She was the treasurer for the Stanislaus Police Activity League which provides recreational, educational and social programs for youth ages 6 -18. Her nominator asks us to remember and celebrate Patty Tharp and how one person can inspire and transform a community.