

*Anne Marie Schlackhuber Hedenkamp*  
*May 28, 1913—November 29, 2009*



Anne Marie Schlackhuber Hedenkamp died at home, surrounded by her family, on November 29, 2009 after a short illness. She was 96 years old.

Born in Austria, her father was killed in the First World War and she came to the United States at age 10 with her mother and brother. She grew up in Philadelphia, but became an orphan at age 17 when her mother died of cancer. Anne went to business school, worked for a German-American newspaper and was active in a group that aided Jewish and other artists and writers who were at risk for Nazi persecution. In 1935 she married William Hedenkamp and they enjoyed 62 years of marriage until his death in 1997

In 1940 the couple moved to San Diego where their two children were born. After the war they designed and built a home in Chula Vista where their children grew up. Anne was active in the PTA while her children were in school, serving as president at both Chula Vista and Hilltop Junior High Schools. In 1959 she was awarded an Honorary Life Membership, and in 2003 an Honorary Service Award from the State Council of PTAs.


In the 1950s she also became active in the Chula Vista Welfare Council, a volunteer group that provided one-time emergency assistance to students in the Chula Vista Elementary School District. She often said that she knew what it was like to go to

bed hungry and she didn't want any other child to suffer that. She delighted in telling of one little boy, who, having received shoes, would persistently stick his feet into the aisle at school, admiring his new shoes. In December baskets of groceries and gift certificates were given to families to replace the meals the students would have received through the school lunch program. The couple were both active in this program, sorting and storing the donated contributions, packing boxes and making out the gift certificates for the grocery stores. Shortly before her death Anne was working on this for yet another year. In 2003 she was stunned to learn that the newest school in Chula Vista would be named for her and her husband to honor their contributions. She insisted that she was only one of many who contributed and that had simply done something that needed to be done. Anne rejoiced in her visits to the school and in her meetings with the students and the faculty.

Other activities included driving for the American Red Cross Motor Pool, serving on the Chula Vista Sister City Commission, the Coordinating Council, and the Camp Fire Girls at the local and regional levels. A strong believer in the labor union which she felt achieved adequate pay and working conditions, she served as president of the local carpenter's auxiliary and on the state council. She garnered many other awards that were quietly stored in a drawer. These included the Chula Vista Humanitarian of the Year Award in 1990, the Luther Gulick Award from Camp Fire, and the AFL-CIO community services gold member. In 1961 she was named a Woman of Valour by the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Israel, and in 1988 a Woman of the Year by the California State Legislature.

Anne was an avid gardener and past president and life member of the Chula Vista Garden Club. Anne had wide-ranging interests and some strong opinions. A wonderful cook and baker, she loved trying new recipes and new dishes. She also loved travel, reading, nature and the outdoors, but she especially loved her family and friends, many of whom were lifelong. She is survived by her children Eleanor and Bill, her daughter-in-law Sharron, by her grandsons Scott, Douglas and Brian; Scott's wife Tascha and children Jady and Evan; and by nieces and nephews across the world.

She was a vibrant woman of integrity and generosity. We will miss her warmth and her wisdom.



*Mrs. Anne Hedenkamp  
Celebration of Life  
Ceremony*

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*Special thanks to those who helped make this day special.*

*The Hedenkamp PTA for their generous donation to the  
reception.*

*Mr. Eugene Yee for all his help coordinating  
The Chula Vista Elementary School District Grounds Dept for  
their assistance*

*Mrs. Kathy Asay for the invitations & program*

*The Anne Hedenkamp  
Celebration of Life Ceremony  
Friday, May 21, 2010  
9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.*

*Pledge of Allegiance & Welcome ...Mr. Richard Hanks,  
Principal*

*Introductions..... by Mr. Eugene Yee, Teacher*

*Dr. Lowell Billings... Superintendent*

*Mrs. Eleanor Hedenkamp...Daughter*

*Mr. Bill Hedenkamp...Son*

*Hedenkamp Family*

*Mrs. Kristen Rose and Student Council*

*Mrs. Sheryl Cox, Mayor*

*Mr. Greg Cox, County Supervisor*

*Mrs. Katie Cruz, Former Principal of Anne & William  
Hedenkamp Elementary*

*PTA-*

*We would especially like to thank the women of the  
PTA for the three tribute benches they purchased  
in honor of Anne. The benches add to the beauty of  
the campus.*

*Ceremonial Planting*

*Group 1...Eleanor, Bill, Rick & Katie*

*Group 2...Eleanor, Bill, Lowell & President of the  
Board*

*Group 3...Eleanor, Bill, Mayor Cox, Supervisor Cox*

*Group 4...Eleanor, Bill, Student Council President &  
Hedenkamp great grandchild representing the future  
Comments..*

*Bill Hedenkamp, Son*

*Eleanor Hedenkamp, Daughter*

*Closing of Ceremony...Mr. Eugene Yee*

*Please join us in the library for a reception*



*Anne, good-bye dear friend*

*Thank you for donating so much of yourself  
to everything good in life.....*

*This tree will be a living reminder of the  
generosity you spread everywhere.*