



Betty Plumer Van Tuyl (1920-2017)
“A Life Well-Lived”

**Betty's Parents,
Married 1912 in the
tiny prairie town of
Lucien, Oklahoma**



Louis Plumer

The Town Banker

Girtha Scrivner

**The Town
Schoolteacher**

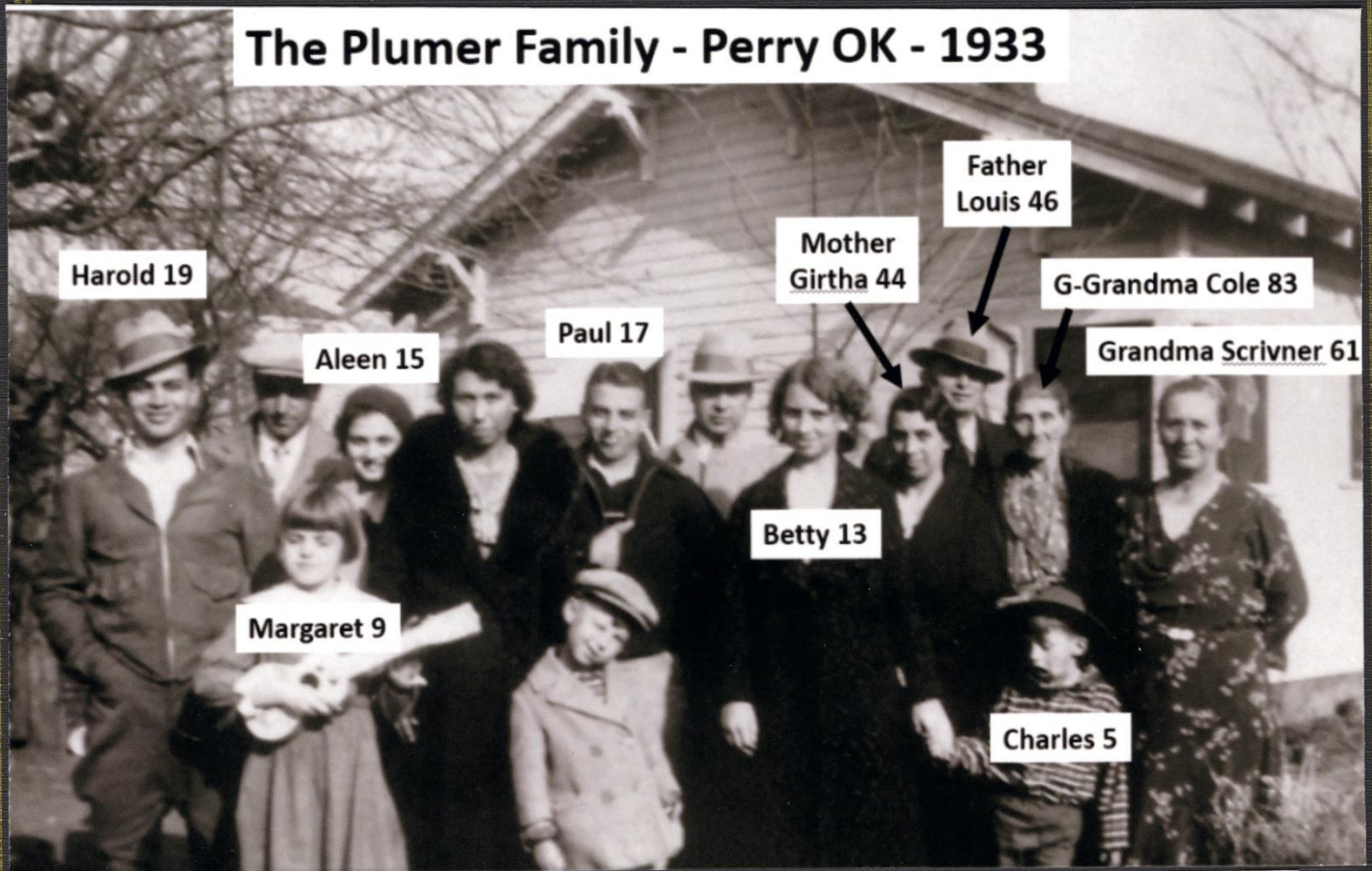
The Plumer Sisters: Betty – Margaret – Aleen (1930)



The Mothers (1947)

The Plumers moved in 1928 to Perry, the County Seat of Noble County, OK

The Plumer Family - Perry OK - 1933





Betty Age 11: Bike Mechanic



Betty Age 15: Sportswoman



CENTRAL STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
Edmond, Oklahoma

Alpha Phi Sigma

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Betty Plumer
IS THE VALEDICTORIAN OF THE 1937 CLASS OF THE

HIGH SCHOOL OF

Perry, Oklahoma

THIS CERTIFICATE ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO ADMISSION TO THE NATIONAL
HONORARY SCHOLASTIC FRATERNITY OF ALPHA PHI SIGMA UPON MATRICULATION
IN ANY COLLEGE WHERE THE ORGANIZATION HAS A CHAPTER.

Byron Cosh
National President

John A. Moseley
President, Central State Teachers College

Margaret O'Brien
National Secretary

Ray Tammickel
Supt. of Schools
Perry, Okla.

Graduated *May 26*, 1937 Matriculated in College _____, 1937

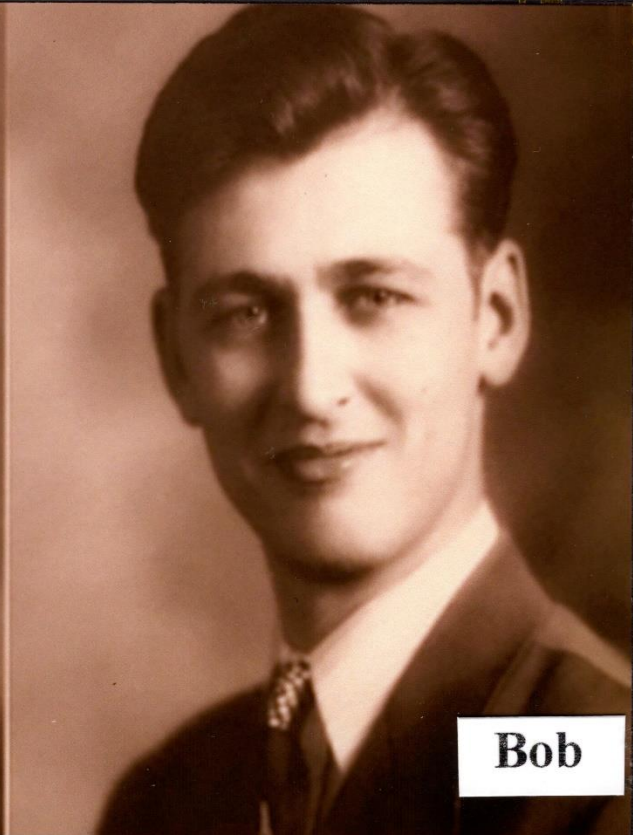
Initiated in ALPHA PHI SIGMA _____, 1937

Valedictorian of the 1937 Graduating Class of Perry High School, Betty starts college at age 17, graduates in 1941 with a degree in Home Economics. She boards a bus, then a train, to join her fiancé, Bob Van Tuyl, in California, where they are married.

The Young Marrieds – California 1941



Betty



Bob

Wartime Double Date



Betty's Boys

Rory (1943)



Stevie (1946)



On the Whittier Farm with Brenda - 1947



Los Amigos - 1948



Postwar Job turmoil forces Bob and Betty to relocate: first to Lemon Grove, CA; then Betty and the boys to Long Beach to live with Bob's parents; then to La Mesa, CA to inhabit the unfinished house Bob is building; then to Perry, OK while Bob temporarily works in Ft. Worth, TX; finally back to La Mesa.

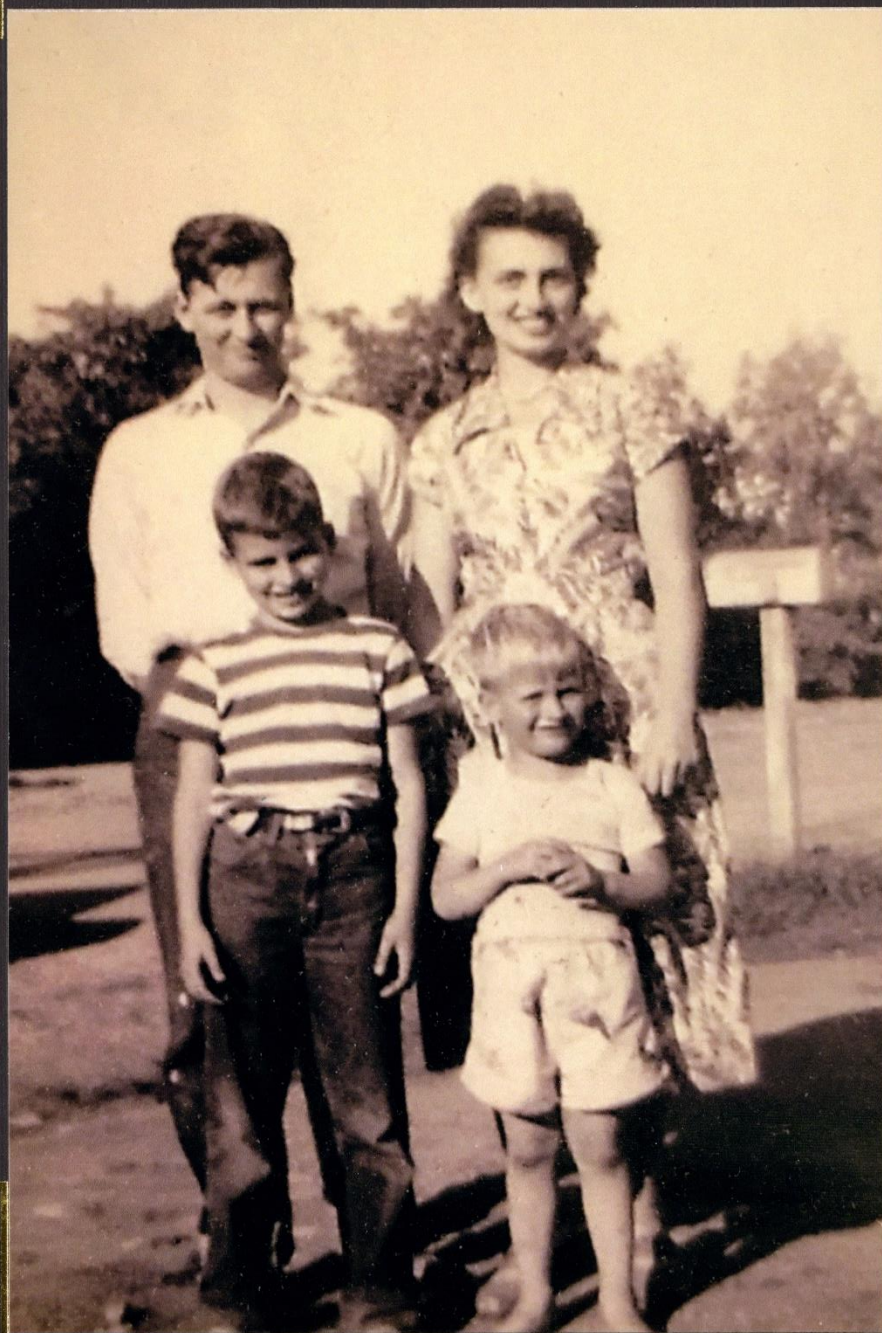


Huddling against the Cold with her cat Driftwood in the Unfinished La Mesa House - 1948

Bob's Glamour Photos of his Lovely Wife - 1948



Barefoot Boys (About 1952)



We Sure Loved Her (About 1954)

Bob and Betty Build their Dream House ~1956



**1964 – Grandma Betty with
her first Grandchild, Jocelyn**



**Her boys gone, Betty
Launches Her Career
Teaching Sewing,
Tailoring and
Pattern Drafting in
the San Diego Adult
School System**

1965 – Plumer Family reunion after the death of mother Girtha

Harold

Paul

Louis

Charles

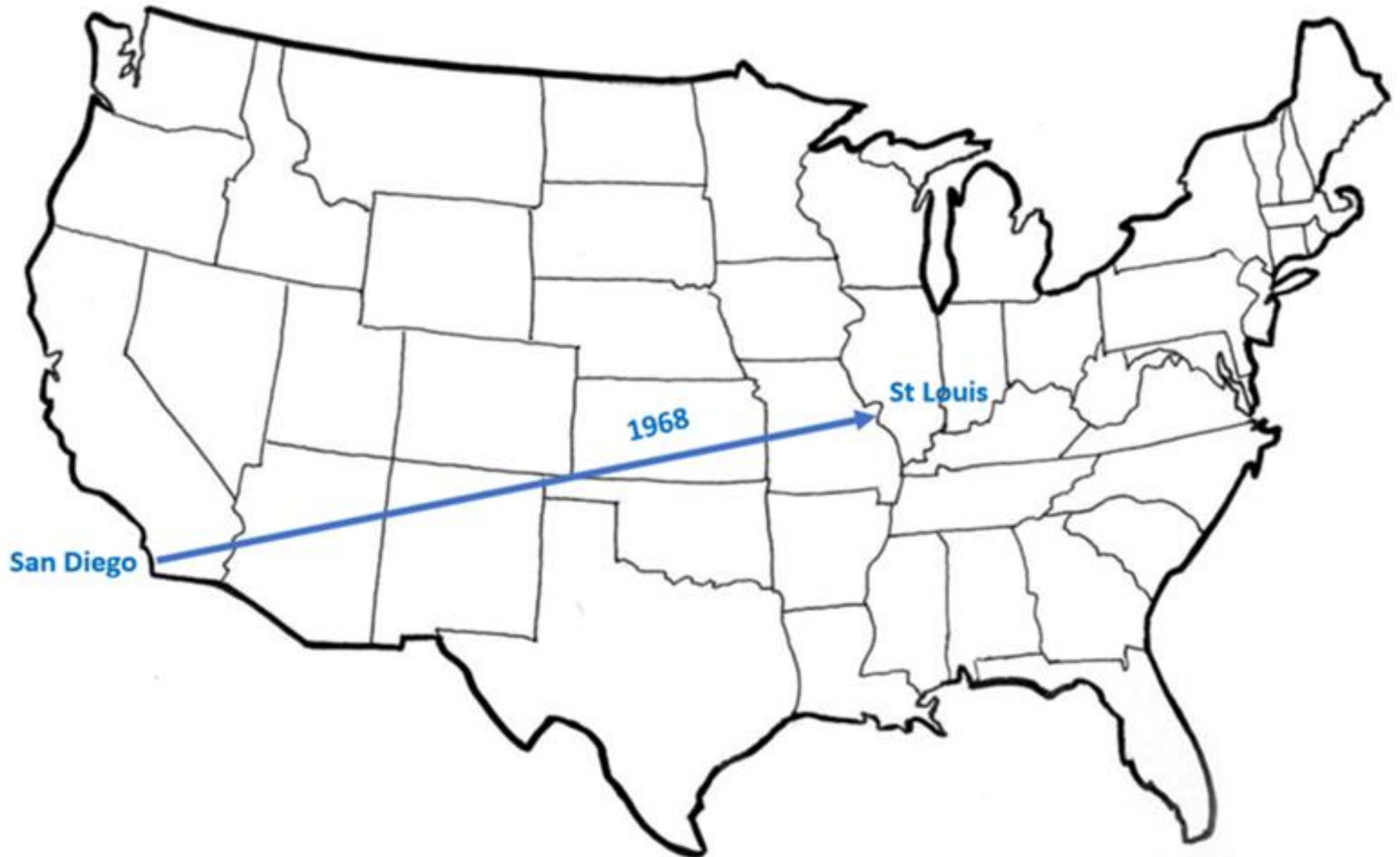
Betty

Aleen

Margaret



1968 – Bob loses his job, they are forced to move to St. Louis to find employment



Freezing in St. Louis, 1969



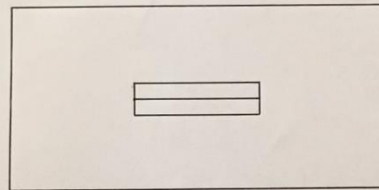
Eunice Farmer, Nationally-Syndicated Sewing Guru and Owner of Fabric Stores

Betty becomes one of Eunice's top teachers, picks up entrepreneurial spirit.

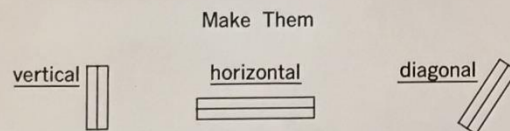


Betty develops and markets *Betty's Bound Buttonhole Kit*

BETTY'S Bound Buttonhole Kit



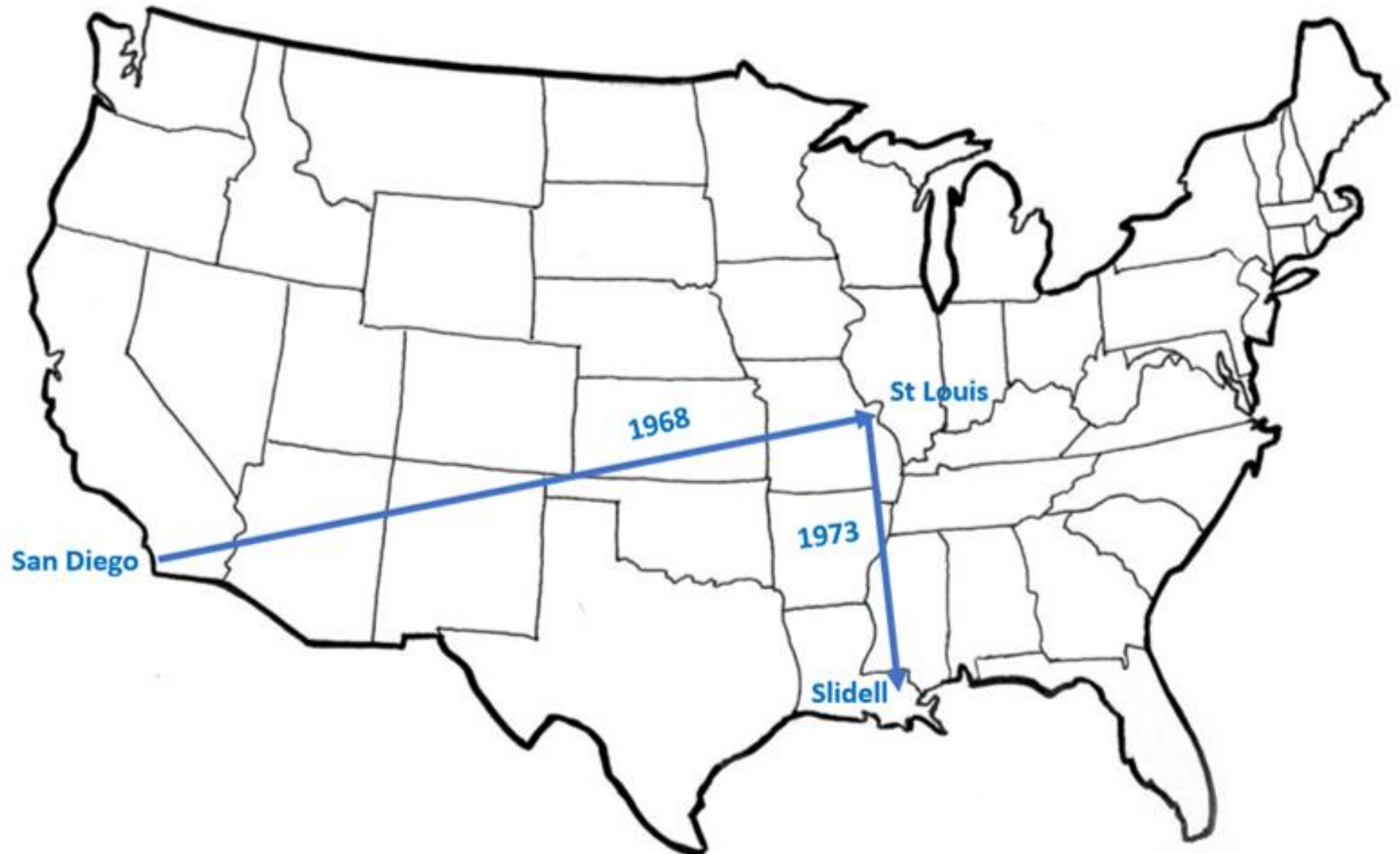
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COPYRIGHT 1968 — Betty VanTuy!



1973 – Bob loses his job, they are forced to move to New Orleans to find employment. They settle in Slidell, north of New Orleans



1973 – Bob and Betty buy a home they really love: 302 Margon Ct., Slidell LA. Betty plants an oak sapling in the front yard.



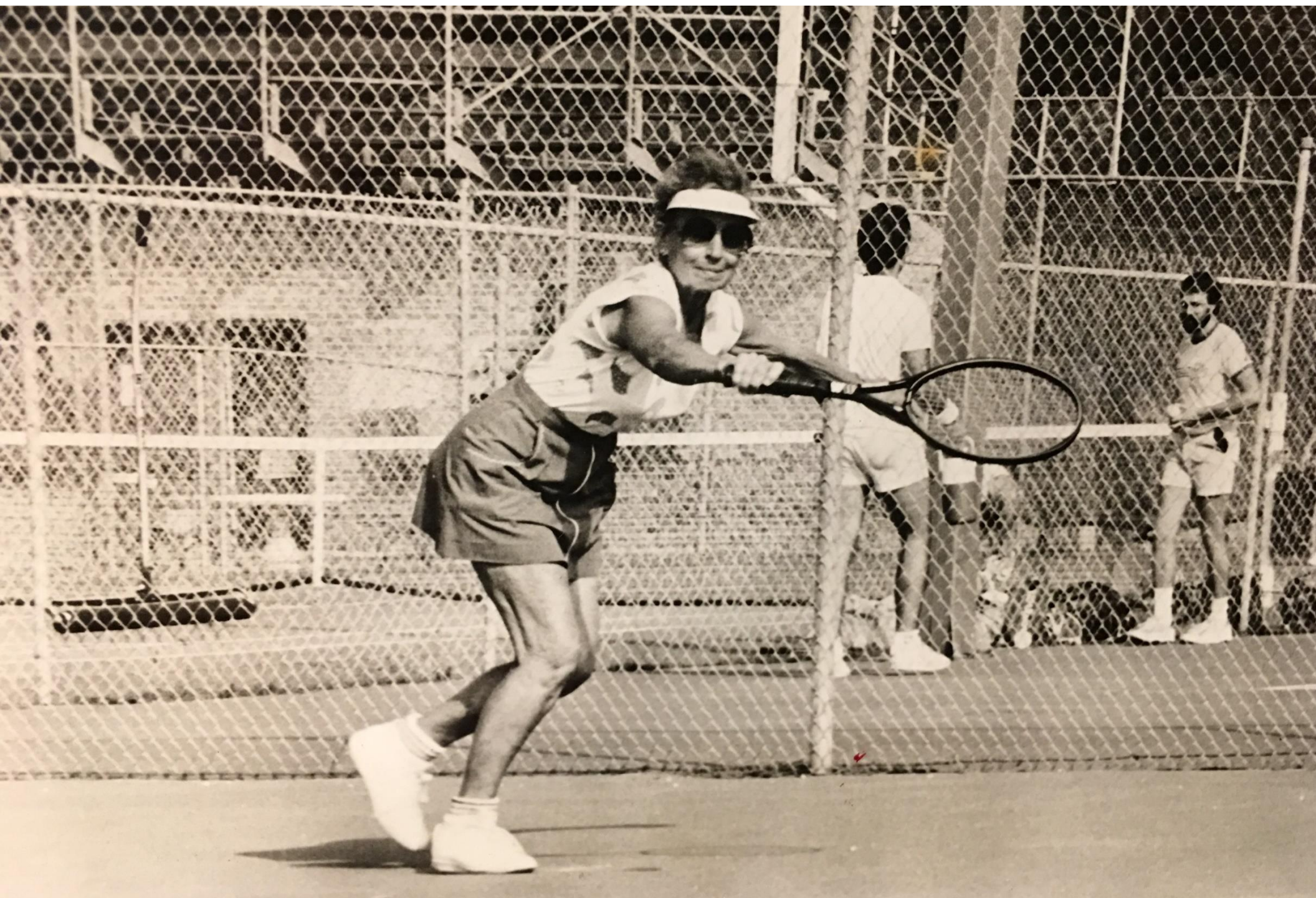
1970s – Betty tries to revive her sewing career in Slidell



TRICKS WITH KNITS

Betty Van Tuyl (center) is currently instructing women in the treatment of sewing with knits at the YWCA. This is only one of many exciting classes being taught as part of the winter program.

1975 – But at age 55, Betty finds her true calling: Tennis



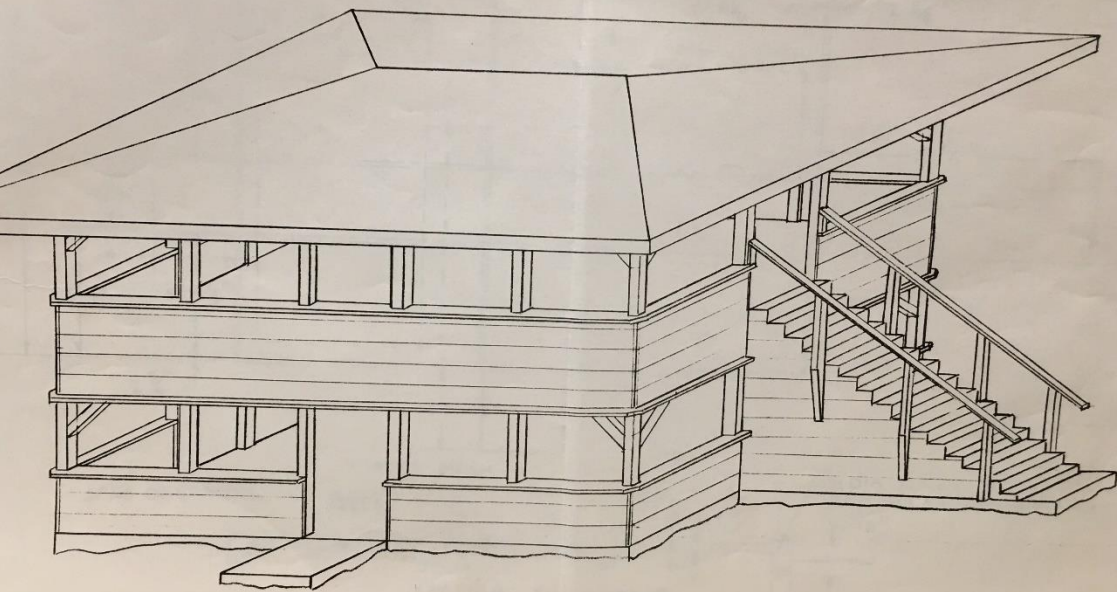
1980 – Betty co-founds the Northshore Women's Tennis League, competes regularly with younger women. Here is her winning team in 1999:



RACKETEERS — Northlake's Chamale ladies tennis team captured 2nd place for the 1998 fall and 1999 spring season. Pictured attending the annual awards luncheon at Covington Eountry Club are: (seated) Shirley Broach-Pfister, spring captain; (standing, from left) Yuvonne Hamilton, Dana Calamari, Betty Van Tuyl and Melanie Wunder. Teammates not pictured are Grace Litchlitter, Pat Grosche, Kay Hustmyre, Hughey Leos, Ge Cosens, Rosemary Knight, Sandy Lindsay, Cheryl Shank, Dorothy Ruff and Monique Nemeth.

2000 – At age 80, Betty gets a new partner: Chris Viguere. Betty Continues to play (and win) until 2007, when she suffers her first fall.





PINEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
TENNIS PAVILION

VAN TUYL
MARGON CT.
c 11, LA. 70458

In the early 1980s, Betty asks Bob to design and build a viewing pavilion for her tennis courts at Pinewood Country Club. Bob builds the structure with volunteer labor.

In 1985, Bob dies while on a family visit to California





During her 32-year widowhood, Betty plays tennis, enjoys life with her friends, and travels extensively, often with her beloved sister, Aleen.



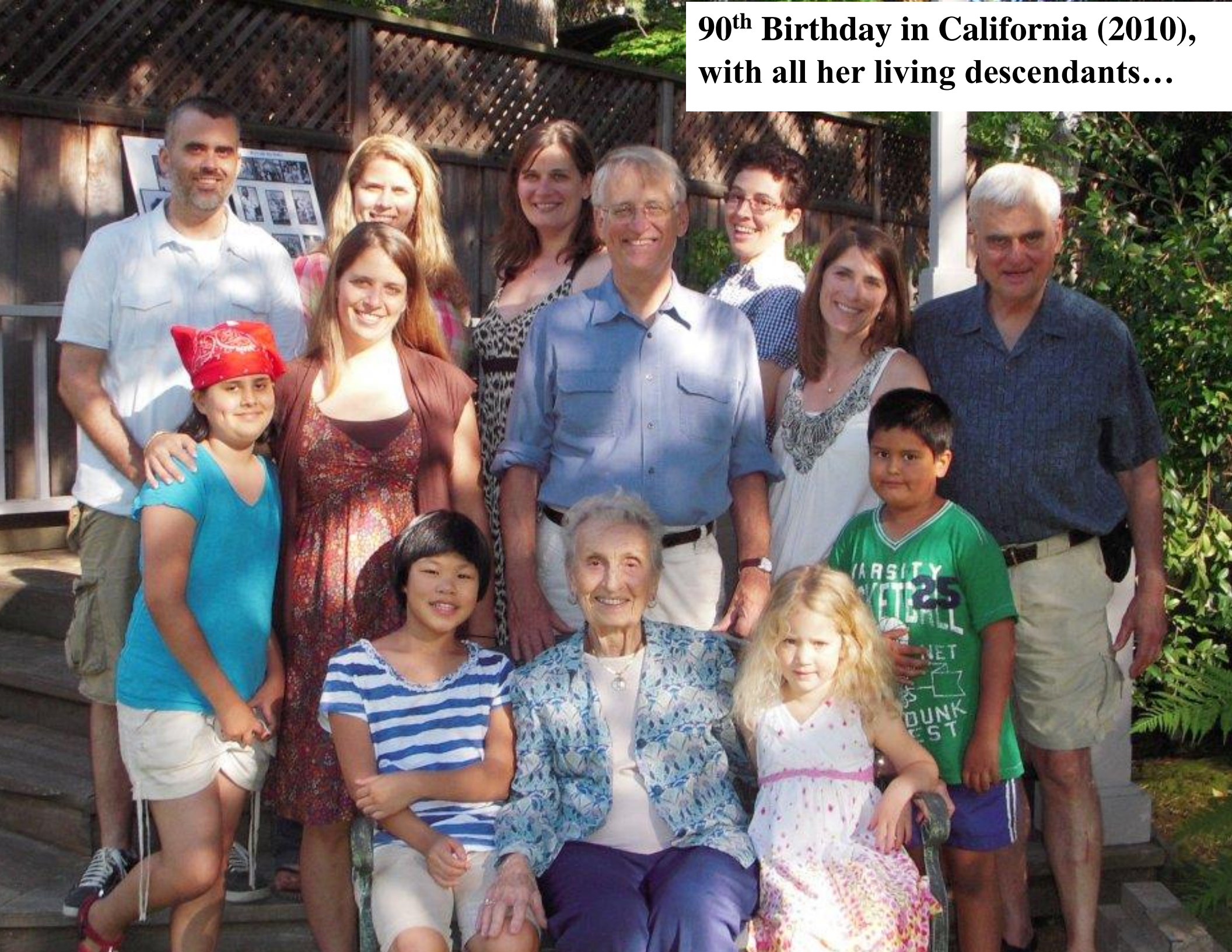
**She entertains friends and relations
from out of town...**



**She travels to Europe, Florida,
California and Disney World (2007)**



**90th Birthday in California (2010),
with all her living descendants...**



**By 2014, she was enjoying visits
from her new great-grandchildren**



By April, 2017, Betty had 11 Great-grandchildren, bringing the total of her descendants, her most enduring legacy, to 19:

Betty's Great-Grandkids Christmas 2016



Mileva, 17
(Jocelyn)

Suria, 16
(Ian)

Eamon, 14
(Ian)

Jayden, 12
(Nerissa)

Bailey, 4
(Rosalind)



Isis, 3
(Penelope)

Zachary, 3
(Rosalind)

Thea, 3
(Rosalind)

Sasha, 2
(Rosana)

Lucia, 20mo
(Ian)

Zoe, 1 wk
(Penelope)

Born April 20, 2017

The Dream Team 2016-2017



Lori



Betty

Zina

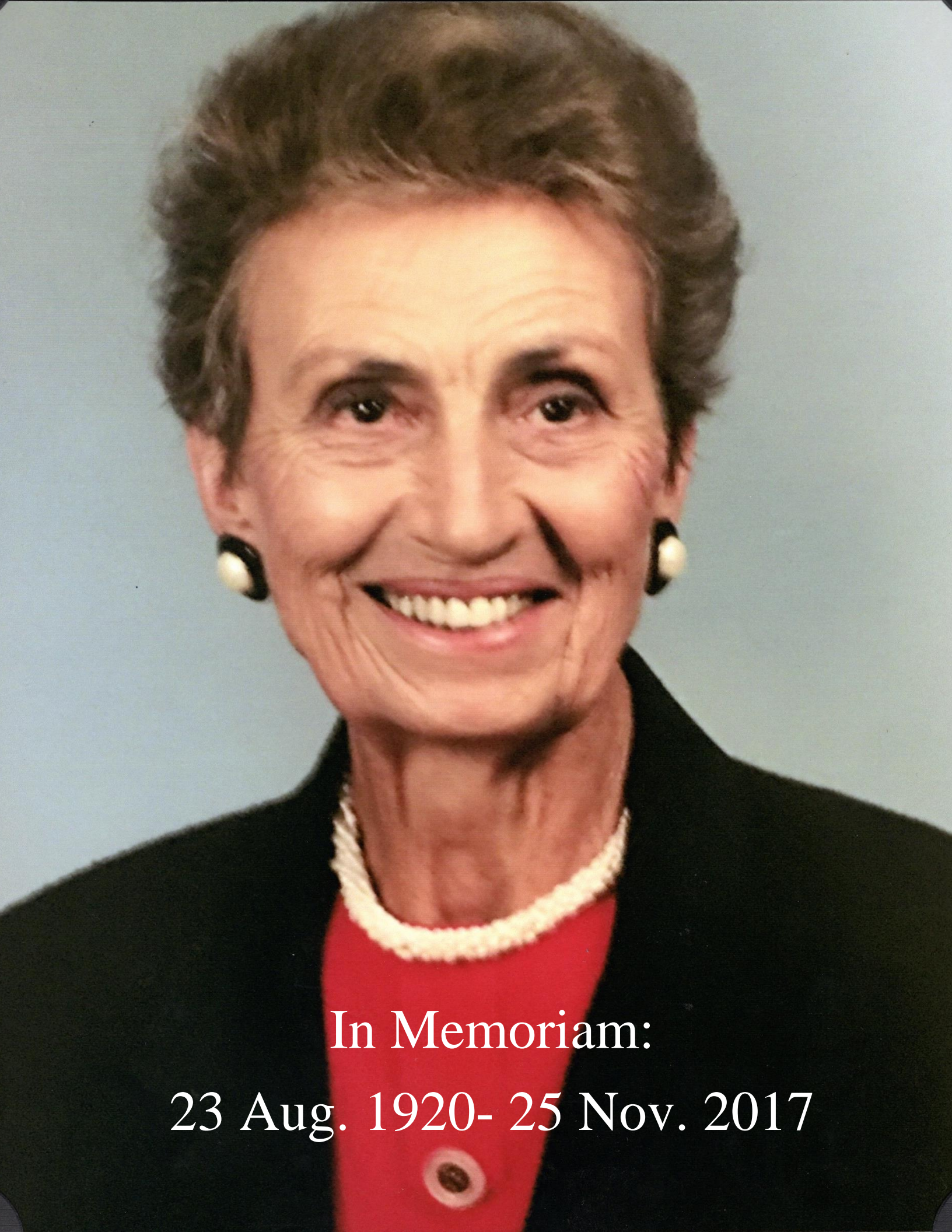


Georgia

After sustaining a disastrous fall in 2014, Betty was no longer able to live on her own. But she soldiered on at home, thanks to the hard work, friendship and support of these ladies: Lori Roberts, Georgia Jones, and her close friend and caretaker, Zina Garcia.



But declining health
doesn't stand in the way
of Betty's 97th Birthday
Party! *Laissez les bons
temps rouler!*



In Memoriam:

23 Aug. 1920- 25 Nov. 2017