



## Jerry Mokler

July 22, 1925 - May 4, 2023

FORT COLLINS—Jerry Mokler, 97, passed away on May 4, 2023. Born in Los Angeles as Helen Geraldine Eastland, she was always known as Jerry.

She met her future husband, Lloyd J. Mokler, as a teen in 1941. They married in 1945, after he returned from WWII. They had a full house: six children as well as the occasional cousin or friend who needed a temporary home. Lifelong Californians, their 67 years together spanned the cities of Paramount, Rolling Hills, San Pedro, Mammoth Lakes, Rancho Mirage, and Blue Jay. After his passing, she lived in Carlsbad before moving to Fort Collins, Colo., at age 94.

As a child, Jerry roller-skated the streets of downtown L.A. and helped in her grandmother's boarding house. During the Depression, she moved in with cousins in the Mojave Desert, where she attended a one-room schoolhouse. Later, Jerry lived in her beloved Lake Arrowhead, where she learned to figure skate, and in Fullerton, where she graduated from high school and junior college.

As a young woman, Jerry skated professionally in the Sonja Henie Ice Show. After she'd raised her children, she began ski racing, eventually winning the 1984 U.S. Masters Giant Slalom National Championship. Jerry also took up clowning; she cherished the joy that her clown personalities "Jerry-Oh!" and

“Popsicle” brought to events and parties. In her last few decades, she became an avid golfer.

A fierce competitor, Jerry could play card and board games for hours. She also enjoyed food rich in butter, wore spunky hats, loved to dance, was a committed baseball fan, and often celebrated with a good lemon drop martini.

Always energetic and spontaneous, Jerry gave much time, talent, and funds to various causes, including the Little Sisters of the Poor, the Mammoth Lakes College Foundation, and the Wounded Warriors program in Mammoth Lakes.

She is survived by her children, Mike (Mary), Greg (Janet), Jim (Stephanie), Scott (Roz), Pete (Cecilia), and Marty (John); 15 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and many cousins and friends.

A celebration of life will be held on July 22, 2023, from 11—3, at The Mission Inn, 3649 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, Calif., 92501.

Donations in Jerry’s honor are appreciated for the Wounded Warriors in Mammoth Lakes, run under Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra (DSES), P.O. Box 7275, Mammoth Lakes, Calif., 93546, or at [disabledsportseasternsierra.org](http://disabledsportseasternsierra.org).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

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“ Jerry was an amazing lady! She accomplished a great deal in her long life. I have many fond memories of her. When I got married in 1970, she gave me a beautiful bridal show at the Palos Verde house. I Remember fondly some of her many ventures such as raising money for various charities, organizing great family events, & hearing that she went skydiving when many people her age were happy sitting in their rocking chairs. It was always a treat at family functions to see what colorful outfits she would be wearing. She will be greatly missed.

*My thoughts & prayers to her family.*

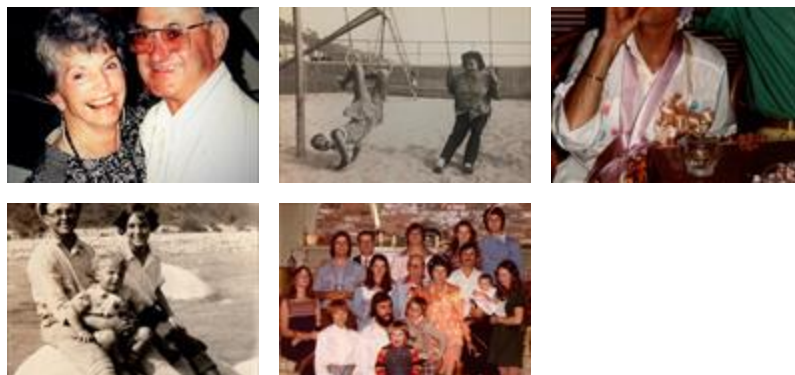
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Pete Mokler - May 15, 2023 at 06:31 PM

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*I ♥ove you dear Jerry!  
My heartfelt condolences to entire family. Your friend forever. Gabriela*

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Gabriela Silverstone - May 20, 2023 at 05:04 PM

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*Jerry was one in a million. After meeting her in Mammoth Lakes, Calif. she invited me to join her for a week long Ski Clinic to improve our skiing & hone our skills. It was up early & out on the slopes with our Instructor from 8:30 3:30 & just a short break for lunch. At the time Jerry & Lloyd lived in Mammoth where they built a beautiful home & entertained their many friends. By the end of the week I felt like I needed to check into a Spa to recover. We all became fast friends & decided to continue the clinic every year. I will miss her wonderful energy & close friendship we had through skiing.*

*My condolences to your family.  
June Colyear Kjaempe , Santa Barbara, Calif.*

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