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Sara Edelstein

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Sara Kroll Edelstein Sara Kroll Edelstein, 73, of San Francisco, CA passed away on December 2, 2011. She was born to Victor Kroll and Janet Frisch Kroll in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on January 24, 1938, joining two older siblings. She married Charles Edelstein on September 9, 1961, and

became a devoted wife and mother in addition to a devoted sister and friend. Sara was ahead of her time, earning a Ph.D. in political science in an era when opportunities for women were rare and women who didn't look back were rarer. She set an example of striving for excellence, not just for her children but also for others whom she inspired by her achievements and words of encouragement. She retired as a professor of political science at California State University, Northridge, to focus on raising her family and creating a home that reflected her exquisite taste and many talents. Sara was lovely and loving, a clever and creative woman of standards who elevated those around her. She had a passion for creating beauty in her life and sharing it with others. She was a member of the Metropolitan Club and San Francisco's Garden Club, Symphony League, and Opera Guild. She loved to travel and brought back the influences of those experiences-the music, the art, the culture-to contribute to the happy family life she built with her husband and two children. Sara's fine eye and skilled hands created many wonderful things for the enjoyment of her friends and family. Some will live only in memory, like the dramatic Moroccan feasts she cooked and the gaily-colored flowers she arranged and displayed; some will remain to bring comfort, like the pieces she crafted from sparkling thread and wooly yarn in the company of her knitting companions. Sara was unique, irreplaceable and utterly adored. The sadness of losing her is overshadowed only by the great joy we all shared together in the hours we did have with her in this life. Sara is survived by her husband, Charles Edelstein; two children, Alexander and Elizabeth (Christopher); a sister, Leona Kroll; a brother, Lawrence Kroll, and sister-in-law Kat; and many other beloved family and friends. A celebration of Sara's life will take place at the Metropolitan Club, 640 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California, on Friday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to The Hirshberg Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research, which may be contacted at www.pancreatic.org or (310) 473-5121.

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January 1, 2012

Sara is married to my cousin, Chuck. Sara was so kind to me when I moved to the Bay Area in 1978. I will always remember her fondly. How sad that pancreatic cancer took her life much too soon. My heart goes out to her loving husband and her two children, Alex and Liz. With sincere sympathy.....

Brian Kessler

December 11, 2011

We are so sorry to hear about Sara. As the obituary states so eloquently, she was a special women with many talents and a caring nature. Any time that we happened to visit, we were made to feel right at home. She warmly welcomed us as the son and girlfriend/wife of friends as if we were

family. There was always a sincerity in the conversations that we had with her and she will be missed by anyone who had the opportunity to know her.

Dan and Debi Brownstone

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December 7, 2011

I only had the pleasure of meeting Sara a couple of times, when she impressed me with her beauty, her poise and her warmth. I knew her better through her daughter, Liz, who spoke of her mother with so much love and pride. I am so sorry for this terrible loss. My heart goes out to all of you.

Alisa Kwitney

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