

**Henrietta Mellander**  
November 28, 1934 - February 23, 2022

Henrietta Mellander passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at Samaritan Evergreen Hospice in Albany after succumbing to a short battle with aggressive pancreatic and liver cancer. She was 87 years old.

Henrietta was born in San Jose, California to Jessie Isabelle Peters and Joaquin August Tello. She attended Vallejo High School and Junior College and graduated with her bachelor's degree in Education from San Jose State University. She was a member of Kappa Delta Pi Education Society and the Key Club as well as Phi Kappa Chi Music Society, Contempos Art Society, and Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society.

Henrietta served as an educator prior to her marriage and returned to teaching in 1969 where she taught as a Math and English teacher at Cabrillo Junior High in San Jose, California. After the Mellander family moved to Albany in 1977 she continued to teach at Calapooia Middle School as an English and Math teacher for another 22 years before her retirement. She acted in the role of team leader and established a number of long-lasting friendships with her peers.

Henrietta was married to Donald Robert Mellander in 1958. They were married for 60 years at the time of Don's passing in 2019.

Henrietta's talents and hobbies centered around: eloquent and editorialized writings on Facebook, playing piano for herself and her family, pursuing art, including painting abstract art, scrapbooking and calligraphy, the creation of amazing life montages posing as birthday cards, and teaching and philosophizing among her family and friends. She pursued genealogy with a passion, making family connections across the country and the world on behalf of both her and her husband's family. She hosted huge holiday family get-togethers and as a 'foodie' was not content to just create food that was typical or mainstream. Everything she did was motivated by her fierce loyalty to her family. As her grandson put it, she was "intelligent, caring and loved her clan more than anything". She also enjoyed traveling, trips to Spirit Mountain to participate in games of chance, and of course the occasional Bombay Sapphire martini. Both she and Don were well known at their favorite food haunt in Albany - Elmer's.

Henrietta is preceded in passing by her husband Don, her brothers Jesse and Harold and her granddaughter Danika Sue Mellander.

Henrietta is survived by her six children and their spouses Kevin and Lori, Brian and Christie, Julie and Corrie, Kerry and Tim, Mary and Mike and Tim and Sandy, her 15 grandchildren (Glen, Elise, Dawnielle, Kara, Jessica, Nicole, Brandon, Tyler, Cassandra, Ashley, Kyleigh, Lane, Lindsey, Josh, and Jake) and 24 great grandchildren August, Dominic, Bronson, Capri, Riley, Braxten, Alohilani, Ali'i, Ammon, Nakoa, Adalyn, Olivia, Carmynn, Ruben, Isa, Lily, Hailey, Isaac, Dimitri, Dominic, Gemma, McCoy, Meyers, and Madden. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Irene Tello, her niece Anita, grandnieces Julia, Alaina, and Sonya, and nephew Vincent.

IN LOVING

*Memory*



*Henrietta Mellander*

NOVEMBER 28, 1934 ~ FEBRUARY 23, 2022





*To Those I Love And Those Who Love Me*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love. You can only guess,  
How much you gave to me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love each of you has shown  
But now it's time I traveled on alone.  
So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for awhile that we must part  
So keep the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away, for life goes on.  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near,  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
All of my love around you soft and clear.  
And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile, and say,  
"Welcome Home"*

In Loving Memory of



*Henrietta Mellander*

Age 87

**BORN**

November 28, 1934  
San Jose, California

**ENTERED INTO REST**

February 23, 2022  
Albany, Oregon

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

Friday, March 4, 2022 at 11 a.m.  
AAsum-Dufour Funeral Home  
Albany, Oregon

**OFFICIANT**

Joe Riley

**REMEMBRANCE VIDEO**

**CASKET BEARERS**

Brian Mellander, Kevin Mellander, Tim Mellander  
Mike Harrison, Tim Shoop, Corrie Epperly

**HONORARY CASKET BEARERS**

Brandon Tucker, Brant Proden, Tyler, Jake & Josh Mellander  
J.J. Borogaro, Lane Harrison, Nate Sim, Tom Pittman

**GRAVESIDE COMMITTAL**

Willamette Memorial Park  
Albany, Oregon

