SHEILA BUSCH

The Busch Family is saddened to announce the sudden passing of Sheila Busch, their beloved wife, mother and grandmother, on Sunday, January 10, 2021, due to natural causes unrelated to the current pandemic.

Sheila Jeanette Jackson was born on January 22, 1949, to Bill and Jean Jackson. Three days later, Sheila met her best friend and love of her life, Joe Busch.

Sheila graduated from Corona Del Mar High School in June of 1967, and matriculated at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Hearing the call for world travel, Sheila joined Trans World Airlines in June of 1968 as a flight attendant. Sheila flew international and national routes for 20 years, instilling in her family her passion for travel. Showing extreme courage and devotion to country, Sheila volunteered for the refugee evacuation flights from Saigon as it fell to communist forces in the spring of 1975.

In September of 1980, Sheila married her best friend, Joe. Together they raised a family to which Sheila devoted all of her energies and love for the past 41 years. Sheila instilled in them the same wanderlust that she had, taking them many times to Hawaii, Yosemite, across the country and Europe. Sheila also taught her family by example that community service is a privilege, working to support the South Orange County Community Clinic and the Laguna Chapter of the National Charity League.

Sheila is survived by her husband, Joe, daughters Jenny Busch and Annie Payne, granddaughters Mackenzie Busch, Olivia Payne and Juliet Payne, stepfather Karl Stal, siblings Mike McWilliams, Tom Stal and Elizabeth Jurkowski, and many nieces and nephews.

For the past 40 years while living in San Juan Capistrano, one of Sheila’s favorite places was the Mission. Sheila enjoyed taking her children and grandchildren to the grounds so that they could literally run around the history of southern California. While battling cancer and
afterwards, Sheila often would visit Serra Chapel and the Shrine to St. Peregrine for solace and reflection. The Mission has always been a source of joy and comfort for Sheila. In lieu of flowers, the Busch Family requests that donations in Sheila’s honor be made to Mission San Juan Capistrano at [www.missionsjc.com/donate](http://www.missionsjc.com/donate) or mailed to Mission San Juan Capistrano, made out to “Greatest Need/Stay Open Campaign”, at 26801 Ortega Highway, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675.