



## Jackie Kay Schwendener

January 19, 1950 - March 14, 2024

Jackie Kay Schwendener (Perryman), 74, passed away Thursday, March 14th, 2024, at her residence in Glenpool, Oklahoma.

Jackie was born on January 19, 1950, in Walla Walla, Washington. The first of her parents' children, she was the proud older sister to her sister Donna and their younger brother Rodney. Donna was merely 20 months younger, and they grew up more like twins.

As a child, Jackie grew up on a property in Tujunga, California, with her siblings. One she and her sister would often recall where they were "thick as thieves." The property was covered in trees, and they often liked to play like "Tarzan," swinging from branch to branch. Riding together everywhere on their bikes or over to the volleyball courts across the street at night to play with their many friends. Since her childhood, she always had an adventurous spirit that would exude throughout her life and become her legacy.

Later relocating to the Central Valley, California, Jackie graduated McLane High School in 1968 and was a resident of Fresno, California, for many years before relocating to the Oakland Bay Area in the late 1970s. It was there that she met James Mueller, who later became her husband. James' work relocated them to Manila, Philippines, in 1978, then again to Guam in 1979, where she gave birth to her only child, a daughter, Jaime Rene Mueller, on

February 27, 1980. Jackie was also a stepmother to three daughters and a son to James' older children, Lynn, Dean, Leslie, and Lisa, and through a later marriage, she would gain another stepdaughter, Mariah. All five children she loved as if they were her own, each with their special place in her heart.

Jackie's time on Guam was full of adventure. Making friends with people from around the world and meeting her best friend Sheila McNamara-Joder, who would go on to be her best friend for the remainder of their lives. Teaching Jaime how to swim before she could even walk, playing with her in the waterfall at Talofofa Falls, picking coconuts, building sand castles, and searching for seashells. She would teach her daughter how to view the world through her adventurous spirit.

In 1986, Jackie, along with Jaime, relocated to Squaw Valley, California, to live near her sister and many nephews and nieces. More often than not, she and her sister could be found together once more. If they weren't together, they were on the phone with one another. They could talk for hours on end, and their infectious laughter could be heard miles away. Every holiday, birthday, and milestone was celebrated and spent together with their families.

Throughout her life, Jackie worked many jobs, from accounting to bartending. She was a teacher's aide for many years at Dunlap Elementary and a clerk for the Squaw Valley Post Office with one of her dearest friends, Vickie Eastham-Lund. In the mid-90s, through the encouragement of her mentor and chosen mother, Dels Davidson, she would go on to achieve her real estate license and become the proud owner of the Squaw Valley Motel from 1997–2005. Jackie was a universal mother and caregiver to all. The motel allowed her to do even more for so many, and it was during this endeavor that she was truly her happiest.

In 2005, Jackie sold the motel and relocated one last time to Tulsa,

Oklahoma, following her daughter and grandson, Eric. Eric was, as she would say, the "love of her life." She would also become "Nana" to Eric's younger siblings. She loved them all as if they were her own as well. "NANA" became the title she was MOST proud of. She also went on to become a CNA in Tulsa for several years, assisting the elderly and spent fifteen years as a dedicated employee for Walmart.

Just before her passing, on February 1, 2024, she became a great-grandmother with the birth of Eric's daughter, Isla Seras Warfel-Bruner. Meeting her was one of the most proud and joyous moments of her life.

Jackie is survived by her daughter Jaime Mueller of Tulsa, Oklahoma; her grandson Eric Warfel and his partner Shyann Bruner of Sapulpa, Oklahoma; her great-granddaughter Isla Warfel-Bruner, Sister Donna Rhodes, and brother-in-law Bob Rhodes of Squaw Valley, California; and many nephews, nieces, great-nephews, and nieces, her stepchildren, their families and many more assorted family and caring friends. She was preceded in death by Brother Rodney Perryman in February 2004.