



**In loving memory of our sister,
Susan Sweet Whittemore:**

8 Jul 1947 - 9 Dec 2022

Susan received her BA in 1969 from University of California, Irvine, and went on to University of LaVerne to earn her teaching credential in 1972. She received her Master's degree from Azusa Pacific in 1998.

Before she was married she was involved in directing several school musicals, including *Peter Pan* and *The Nutcracker*. It was a wonderful experience for her to combine the talents of students, parents and staff to make these productions happen.

Susan married Winston Whittemore in 1982. Winston had one daughter, Ann, from a former marriage. Susan and Winston had two sons whom she loved dearly, David and John. Susan's husband, Winston, passed away in 2017, and Susan and the boys stayed close and took memorable trips together to Sweden, Chicago and Hawaii among other places. She loved amusement parks and was a member of a group —the Disneyland buddies— until the state revoked the relatively inexpensive yearly passes into the park.

She was a stellar teacher, employed as an elementary teacher in the Pomona Unified School District (1969-2005) and then part-time in the Tustin Unified School District. She taught for Tustin Unified from 2006 to the present, working with the Adult ESL program (English as a Second Language).

Susan always was involved in service to the community. She served with the Boy Scouts from 1990-2002, as well as being a CASA advocate (a court appointed special advocate) for children from 2006 - present, and a member of the UCI International Friendship Circle from 2005 - the present. She was active in her church, First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Tustin from 1989- the present.

In 1991 she won the Toyota Teacher of the Year Award from Pomona, and she won the Beta Phi Community Service Award in 2008. (Beta Phi is a local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an international society of leading women educators.)

Susan was drawn to Beta Phi by Lindlee Sims who invited Susan and her good friend, Donna Westlund, to join in 1999. Susan loved Beta Phi because of the scholarships provided to prospective women educators and the guidance, training, and leadership to all women in education. She so appreciated the mutual fellowship and support for each member of Beta Phi through our meetings, activities and conferences though the year.

In Beta Phi she has served in many positions. In 2010 she was Co-President and she also served as First Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and Membership Chair.

Her thoughts about education in today's world: "In today's world of technological advancement, there is so much to be learned academically but the social development, moral education and individual learning styles of children must never be marginalized."

Susan, you were a treasure that is gone too soon.
Much love,
Your Beta Phi Sisters

