

Jane Grossman Byrk

MHC recently received notice of the death of **Jane Grossman Byrk** on June 13, 2019. At the time of her death, she was survived by her second husband, Oliver Byrk; her son Andrew Mosson, his wife and their two sons; and her step-daughter Alexandra E. Byrk.

In 1961, straight from Manhattan, Jane arrived at Torrey in the now infamous rain storm. Jane is described by her classmate and fellow Torrey resident, **Margaret “Meg” Jandl**, as a long-time good friend (first week freshman year), who was “always interested in a lot of subjects, smart and funny.” After graduating from MHC, they maintained contact every six months or so until Jane’s death in 2019.

In June 1965, Jane married David Herman Mosson, with Meg as a bridesmaid. In the mid-to-late 70s, Jane and David relocated to San Francisco and opened a women’s clothing store on San Francisco’s posh Union Street. They had one son, Andrew Mosson, who is in “Tech.”

After the store closed, she moved through a variety of financial positions including being: a Purchasing Agent for I Miller, followed by being a Broker-Associate for Hill & Company, followed then by being Business Development Director for First Republic Bank. 1978 saw her as an Agent/Consultant with Grubb & Ellis Co., followed in 1984 by being an owner and CFO of Conley Byrk & Beckwith Inc. and then with the Construction Loan Office for First Republic.

An Econ major at MHC, Jane secured an MBA from San Francisco State University in 1984. From 2007 until her death, Jane was the owner of Personal Financial Management for Women, in San Francisco. A memorial service for Jane was held at San Francisco’s Congregation Emanu-El on June 27, 2019. In closing, Meg adds: “She was an empathetic person, always learning about new things and fun to be around.”

Photo: Jane (left side) and Meg at San Francisco’s Golden Gate Bridge in 2014.

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