

JILL KULI ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY

JULY 19, 1938 - APRIL 16, 2026



Jill Kuli was a woman of immense creative energy and unwavering integrity. Born in Santa Monica, she was the oldest of two children. She credited her father for shaping her into a natural organizer with a unique ability to find humor and purpose in every endeavor.

After graduating from the University of Redlands in 1960, Jill began her career as a second-grade teacher. She later earned a master's in educational psychology, serving as a dedicated school psychologist for Tustin Unified School District for over two decades.

In 1963, she married Dennis Kuli. Together they built a life in Villa Park, raising their three sons – Erik, Mark, and Kirk – while fostering deep, lifelong roots in the community. They also enjoyed sponsoring foreign students through Rotary.

Jill was a primary architect of the Villa Park community spirit as a charter member of the Villa Park Rotary Club, the Villa Park Community Services Foundation, and P.E.O., Chapter S. In these organizations, she applied her graphic design talents and leadership skills to countless initiatives.

Known affectionately as the “Hippo Lady,” a title she proudly displayed on her license plate, Jill was a dedicated collector of hippopotamuses, mirrors, and kaleidoscopes. She was also famous for her “Monster Cookies” which became a staple for every generation of the Villa Park River Rats, the 100-person extended family of friends she loved and traveled to the Colorado River with for over 50 years.

Jill was an “elder stateswoman” of her city, leaving behind a family she adored, and a community transformed by her decades of service and friendship. Please keep the Kuli sons and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Lester “Les” James Ritter, Jr. Adjournalment in Memory
12/9/1929 - 5/12/2026



“Les” Ritter was born in Baltimore in 1929.

He moved to Southern California in 1951 to begin his long career with Southern California Edison, retiring 38 years later as Superintendent of the Fullerton District. During his time at SCE, Les served as Superintendent in the Arrowhead District, then as Planning Manager in the Santa Ana District, and later as Superintendent in the El Toro District and then in Fullerton, until his retirement in 1989. He was known and respected for his innovative and creative problem-solving skills, which significantly improved the Orange County SCE electrical distribution system. His greatest pleasure was in the promotion and development of the young men and women who worked for him.

In 1985, he married his wife, Jayne, and they moved to a beautiful home in Yorba Linda. He was a lifelong tennis player and fan, traveling locally and to New York and Australia for championship tournaments. He and Jayne traveled extensively but always returned to their Yorba Linda home to enjoy entertaining family and friends.

He is survived by Jayne, his daughter Christine, two granddaughters Tami and Kelly, three great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandson. His dying wish was that he be interred at the new Orange County cemetery in Anaheim Hills once it is completed.