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Donna T. Newberry

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Donna Talbott Newberry grew up on a ranch in Turlock, Calif., with her two older sisters, Dorothy and Bobbie. She graduated from Modesto Junior College and the Stanford School of Nursing (1947). She married Lawrence Newberry in 1946; he saw her through her last year at nursing school and she saw him through his master's at Stanford and later his doctorate at UC Berkeley.

They had three children (Dean, Judy and Jim) and in 1957 Larry accepted a position at the department of education at UC Davis. Donna worked in the UCD infirmary followed by four years at the Yolo County Department of Public Health.

In 1964, the Newberrys took a big leap and moved with their three children to New Delhi, India, where Larry was the director of the American International School for three years and then served two years with the Agency for International Development. During this time Donna served as a nurse volunteer on a mobile medical van that served villages in outlying areas around Delhi, and the last two years in India she was the AIS school nurse.

For the next 16 years the couple lived in Terre Haute, Ind., where Donna helped establish its first Planned Parenthood clinic. She was director of an inner-city health program serving mainly the black community. She finished her career as a clinical instructor in community health at Indiana State University. During that time she assisted in establishing an alternative school program for pregnant and parenting students.

In 1985 Larry retired and they came back to California. Donna was on the committee during the planning stages of the University Retirement Community where she lived for the past 17 years. She was a volunteer at the Sutter Davis Hospital Resource Center and served on various committees at URC.

She is survived by her three grown children, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.