

Planner 'Ree' Burnap dies

SANTA CRUZ — Marie "Ree" Burnap, chairwoman of the county Planning Commission, died Thursday at a local hospital after a brief illness. She was 65.

Besides serving as Supervisor Robley Levy's appointee to the Planning Commission, Mrs. Burnap was a member of the California State Democratic Central Committee and a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. She also was a member of the Cabrillo Music Festival.

Mrs. Burnap and her husband, Ken D. Burnap, moved to Aptos from Orange County in 1977. They owned and operated the Santa Cruz Mountain Vineyard on Jarvis Road.



Marie 'Ree' Burnap

She was born in Dallas but lived in California for 33 years, 23 of them in Orange County.

Mrs. Burnap also was active in community service in Orange County. She was a member of the Local Agency Formation Commission, the Anaheim Public Library Board and was past president of the Anaheim-Garden Grove chapter of the League of Women Voters and the Eulalie Toastmistress branch of Garden Grove.

Levy appointed Mrs. Burnap to the Planning Commission when Levy was elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1981. She said she selected Mrs. Burnap "because I knew of the kind of experience she had with LAFCO in Southern California and her interest in preserving the character of our community.

"Her death will be a loss to the entire community. She served it generously and well in her work on the Planning Commission, with the Democratic Party and with the Cabrillo Music Festival. That's a continuation of the kind of public service she was involved in before her move to Santa Cruz," Levy said.

Mrs. Burnap is survived by her husband and by four children: Thomas H.W. Burnap of Fort Bragg, Mary D. Burnap Jamison and Mark D. Burnap, both of Aptos, and Jonathan P. Burnap of San Clemente. She also is survived by a brother, T. N. Davey Jr. of Arizona, and by four grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Norman's Family Chapel, 3620 Soquel Drive, Soquel, with The Rev. Lawrence Mikkelsen officiating.

Private entombment will follow.

Friends may call at Norman's Family Chapel from noon until 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Contributions to the American Cancer Society, 209 Walnut St., Santa Cruz 95060, are preferred.