

## Sheila Greathead obituary



Sheila Greathead, a woman of remarkable strength, kindness and love of family and friends, passed away peacefully in her home on May 15, 2026, at the age of 74, after a courageous battle against ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) the last two years of her life. She was surrounded by the love and comforting presence of her husband and children.

Sheila is survived by her husband of 40 years, Bruce Scheidt, two children (son David Scheidt and daughter Courtney Winters), grandson Anthony Scheidt, and sister Colleen Voet.

Sheila was born in Oakland, California to parents Leonard and Marie Greathead, and grew up in nearby San Leandro.

Sheila was a woman of remarkable achievements starting at a very young age. Beginning in grammar school, she played the accordion at holiday parties and community events with other young musicians, continuing to play the keyboard instrument into high school. As a teenager she was selected as the Honored Queen of the San Leandro Chapter of the International Order of Job's Daughters. She graduated salutatorian from Pacific High School in San Leandro and was selected as a high school graduation speaker. Her graduation speech was titled "The Impossible Dream."

She obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from U.C. Davis, graduating with High Honors and elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa. She obtained an MBA in Business Administration from California State University, Sacramento. Sheila was employed in various management positions at Hewlett Packard's Roseville campus for 27 years until taking an early retirement in 2007. While at HP Sheila managed employees in Roseville, Grenoble, France, and Böblingen, Germany.

Sheila loved to garden and camp in her spare time. She had a lifelong love for animals, particularly horses and cats. She owned a horse and rode it as often as possible before she had children, including as a volunteer for the Folsom Lake Mounted Trail Patrol. After retirement, she did volunteer work at the Placer County SPA, specializing in cat adoptions.

Sheila was the rock on which her family relied for comfort, support and advice. No one kept a calmer presence when life's unexpected challenges occurred. Her smile and laughter brought joy to everyone she met.

She and her husband enjoyed traveling the world, touring England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Spain, France, Germany, Switzerland (she loved cheese), Italy, Netherlands, Greece, China, Costa Rica and Mexico over the years. Until recently, when she could no longer hold cards in her hands because of ALS, Sheila played pinochle every Friday with a very competitive (but friendly!) co-ed seniors' group. She played golf every week with women's groups at various golf courses, until she could not walk because of ALS.

She and her husband were members of Granite Bay Golf Club for three decades. They loved to play at GBGC and at various golf courses near Truckee, where they owned a vacation condo. They fulfilled a lifetime dream to be able to play at iconic golf courses at Turnberry and St. Andrews in Scotland.

A celebration of Sheila's life will be held on July 18, at Granite Bay Golf Club. Guests may arrive at 11:30. A buffet lunch will be served from noon to 1:00 p.m. A program celebrating Sheila's life with friends and family will start at 1:00 p.m.

In Sheila's honor, donations may be made to The ALS Association at [www.als.org](http://www.als.org), which is leading the fight against ALS through targeted drug research, scientific collaboration, and patient support.