



**Date:** October 13, 2020  
**To:** Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Council  
**Subject:** Adjournment of the October 13, 2020 City Council Meeting

Please adjourn the October 13, 2020 City Council meeting in memory of the following individuals:

**Catherine Marie Pedone, 90-Year Santa Clara Resident, Former Santa Clara Unified School District Employee, and Volunteer at Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Santa Clara**

- Catherine "Kay" Marie Pedone was born on September 25, 1925.
- Originally from Port Henry, New York, Kay was a 90-year resident of Santa Clara.
- She dedicated her career to the Santa Clara Unified School District where she worked for nearly 30 years, mostly in the cafeteria.
- After her retirement, Kay joined volunteer services at Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara where she stayed for nearly 20 years; her many years of service are commemorated with a brick in the hospital courtyard.
- Kay's kind nurturing nature and her love of cooking and baking were also omnipresent in her family home, which always had an open-door policy, with coffee brewing and cookies at the ready.
- A woman of God and strongly grounded in her faith, Kay's life revolved around service, her family and friends.
- Kay Pedone passed away on September 21, 2020 at the age of 95.
- She is preceded in death by the love of her life Santo (Sam) Pedone and beloved son Salvatore.
- Kay is survived by her son and daughter in-law Michael and Kathleen Pedone, daughter Kathy Pedone, grandchildren Michelle Pedone, Michael and Emily Hensley, Tony Hensley, Stefania Hensley and 2 great grandchildren.

**Joan W. Kurtz, Former Science Teacher at Patrick Henry and Buscher Junior High Schools**

- Joan W. Kurtz was born on August 31, 1932.
- Joan was a science teacher in Santa Clara Unified School District having taught at Patrick Henry and Buscher Junior High Schools.

- She was a very dedicated and caring teacher, very loyal to her colleagues, and a joy to work with.
- She was a university supervisor of student teachers in the Science Education Program at San Jose State University. Her teaching was sincerely appreciated by thousands of students. Joan also taught chemistry at University of Notre Dame from 1962 through 1969.
- Joan was very passionate and active in her many causes, but she was very proud of her association with Tech Trek, a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) camp which focused on helping girls find passion for high-tech careers.
- In 2019, Joan was honored with the Women of Persistence Award for her work helping girls in our region get exposure to STEM careers.
- Joan passed away on October 2, 2020, just having celebrated her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Joan was the beloved wife of William B. Kurtz, mother of sons, Kent, Brad and Kevin Kurtz. She was a beloved grandmother, great grandmother, and friend. She will be deeply missed by all.