

Vesta Penrod Gibbs

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VESTA PENROD GIBBS

Jan. 6, 1920-Dec. 8, 2007

Vesta Penrod Gibbs, 87, of La Mesa died Saturday. She was born in San Diego and was an English professor at Grossmont College.

Survivors include her daughter, Margaret Eggers of La Mesa; sons, John Gibbs of San Diego and James Gibbs of Lake Elsinore; and four grandchildren.

Services: none announced.

Interment: Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, Cabrillo Memorial Drive, Point Loma.

Arrangements: Humphrey Mortuary.

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Vesta was born on January 6, 1920 and passed away on Saturday, December 8, 2007.

Vesta was a resident of La Mesa, California at the time of her passing.

She graduated from Hoover High School in 1938. Following high school, she earned a degree in English with a minor in History from San Diego State University. She went on to complete a Master's Degree in Education from Claremont College. Later on in life, she would earn a postgraduate degree from the University of Lincoln in England.

She was preceded in death by her husband James.

She is to be buried next to her husband, James, in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery. The funeral service will be private.

Vesta Gibbs



On December 8, 2007, Vesta Penrod Gibbs passed away of natural causes in La Mesa, California. Vesta taught English at Grossmont College from 1964-1992.

Her husband, James Trowbridge Gibbs, preceded her in death. Her survivors include daughter, Margaret Carolyn Eggers and son-in-law Robert Wayne Eggers of La Mesa, son John Francis Gibbs and daughter-in-law Katherine of San Diego, son James Eric Gibbs and daughter-in-law Inga Gibbs; grandchildren James Aaron, Paulina Simone, Genevieve Elizabeth and Julia Rachel of Wildomar, California.

Vesta was born on January 6, 1920 in San Diego. She graduated from Hoover High School in 1938. Following high school, she earned a degree in English with a minor in History from San Diego State University. She went on to complete a Master's Degree in Education from Claremont College. Later on in life, she would earn a postgraduate degree from the University of Lincoln in England. On June 22, 1952 she married James T. Gibbs. James was an art teacher in the San Diego Unified School District, and he eventually would teach art and ceramics at San Diego City College.

Vesta worked her entire life in education. Her first job in education was with the San Diego County Office of Education. She was then hired to teach English at the newly opened Grossmont College. Vesta had many interests. These included reading, cooking, gardening, and traveling around the world. She especially liked to visit with her three children and four grandchildren. She is to be buried next to her husband, James, in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery. (excerpted from San Diego Union-Tribune on 12/16/2007)