



## Martha Ullmann May

June 12, 1936 - May 23, 2022

Martha Ullmann May, 85, of Santa Barbara, CA, passed away the 23rd of May 2022, in Napa, CA.

Martha, the daughter of Henry and Martha Ullmann, was born in Santa Barbara, CA on the 12th day of June 1936. She attended The Branson School in Marin, CA and graduated from Smith College in Massachusetts. After college Martha moved back to the West Coast and worked in San Francisco. She met her future husband and lifelong partner, Thomas May, on the steps of her grandmother's home in Santa Barbara. They were married on November 17, 1962. Tom and Martha moved to the Napa Valley in 1963 and started her namesake vineyard that would become the legendary Martha's Vineyard. Martha was a pioneer of the valley, who worked tirelessly for her community; she was a hostess extraordinaire, and helped put Napa Valley on the map as a world class wine and food destination.

Martha is survived by her son Richard May with his wife Katherine and their daughter Piper. And by her daughter Laura May Everett with her husband Rich and their daughters Hailey, Hannah, and Annie. Martha is predeceased by her husband Tom of 55 years and their son Henry.

Memorial contributions may go to the Rianda House Senior Activity Center, 1475 Main St., St Helena, CA 94574

Private services will be held.

## Cemetery Details

**Cremated remains to family.**