

## Beverly Blum

February 19, 1937 –  
November 16, 2022

Beverly Blum passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family in November. She was born in Rochester, MN, and raised predominantly in the small town of Win-  
dom, MN, before attending Hamline University. Following graduation



from University of Minnesota with an MS in Human Anatomy, she moved with her new husband, George, to Stockton, CA.

Following teaching stints at both Stagg High School and University of Pacific (Biology Department), she became a co-founder of the new Planned Parenthood in Stockton and served as the Executive Director of Planned Parenthood of San Joaquin for over 14 years. In 1987, she followed a new passion by founding Solar [Box] Cookers International. For 16+ years, she and members of the growing organization developed improved solar cookers made of affordable materials and educated many thousands of women in the art of cooking with solar ovens to overcome the challenges of scarce firewood and cooking in confined spaces where smoke inhalation was detrimental to the whole family. While one key focus was projects in numerous refugee camps in equatorial Africa, their projects and reach were global. One of Beverly's later projects involved development of a database of solar cooking proponents across the globe.

She enjoyed volunteering, playing and listening to classical music, meeting others in local groups, travel, opera, and learning about unfamiliar cultures. She supported many charities and donated her body to UC Davis to contribute to the world a bit longer.

Beverly is survived by twins Barbara and Alfred Blum, and grandsons Gabriel and Avery Blum. A Celebration of her Life will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2022, 11 am, at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 2737 Pacific Avenue, in Stockton. In lieu of flowers, her family suggests a donation to the American Civil Liberties Union, Solar Household Energy Inc. (SHE), or one's own favorite charity.