

BARBARA HARDIN



Barbara and her identical twin, Roberta, were born in 1929 at the height of the depression and lived on a Kansas wheat farm along with their two older sisters until the economy improved and the family moved to the small town of Sedgwick. Her father rented the farm on shares and her mother supplemented their income by going to neighboring homes and giving piano lessons for 25 cents each.

The four little girls learned to play auction bridge from their parents when the twins were about seven years old and it was the favorite family entertainment. By the time she went to College, contract was replacing auction and she spent many hours in the Student Union when she should have been in class.

Barbara got her BA in Music Education at Emporia KS State College and a Masters in Elementary Education at the University of Houston. She taught in the public schools for 35 years, teaching Music in Kansas and Texas before moving to San Jose, CA in 1958 where she taught primary grades and Special Ed until her retirement in 1987.

She was married in 1952 to band director Andrew Hardin (now deceased) after a whirlwind courtship instigated by her older sister and her husband when they invited Barbara as guest clarinet soloist and Andy as guest conductor for her brother-in-law's spring band concert.

When Barbara and Andy moved to Los Osos in 1988, it was not long until a friend introduced her to duplicate. She then became a Life Master and accredited Bridge Teacher and Director. After directing games for over 20 years she has now retired from directing, but still enjoys teaching and playing several times a week with a variety of different partners.

