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A salute to Lu Packard, HP's first lady

Lucile Packard, wife of HP co-founder and board chairman Dave Packard, died of cancer at their Los Altos Hills, California, home May 30. She was 72.

Lu, a native San Franciscan, met her husband when he was washing dishes in her Stanford University sorority house. They were married in 1938 after they both graduated.

In HP's early days, Lu once said her role was "typing the letters, keeping the records and heating up the coffee pot." But as the young company grew, so did her participation. She interviewed potential employees, baked metal panels for the company's new electronic products in her oven and began the practice of giving gifts to mark an employee's wedding or the birth of a new child, a tradition that has continued.

She also started the practice of providing morning coffee and sweets—initially baking all the treats for employees herself. She helped organize the first company picnics and beer busts.

As HP became more established, Lu redirected her energies to community



Lucile Packard, pictured above with her husband Dave, will be remembered by her HP friends as a gracious woman who worked hard to make the world a better place.

volunteer work and active participation in the Packards' philanthropic activities. She served as the vice president, treasurer and board member of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, which she and her husband established in 1964 to fund cultural, educational, conservation and community programs in Northern California. In addition, she served as vice

president and board member of the Monterey Bay Aquarium Foundation—after the Packard family built the aquarium in 1984.

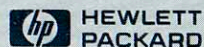
At the time of her death, Lu was chairman of the Stanford Children's Hospital Board of Directors, and vice chairman of the board of the New Children's Hospital, which will be constructed at Stanford.

Stanford has announced

the hospital will be named the "Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford" as a tribute to her.

Longtime friend Agnes Jarman told the *Palo Alto Times Tribune*, "Lu was a very special kind of person never impressed by her own importance. People who did 5 percent of what she did have a much greater sense of their importance. She never lost the common touch."

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