



Helen Vandewater

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“ *Helen VandeWater*

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“ *I first met Helen in the late 70's when I was a young boy when she and her husband John had moved into the same townhome complex in San Pedro and had become very good friends of the family, as well as a close friend of my mother's. She was always a cheerful and very outgoing, sociable person. She spearheaded the social committee at our townhome complex which organized activities such as potlucks and wine tasting parties held at the pool. In the early 80's, she moved to Washington D.C. where her husband John was appointed the position of the Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board. In the summer of '82, Helen provided me the opportunity to stay with her and John for two weeks and during that time, she showed me the sites of D.C. I reflect on that as having been a valuable, educational and very memorable, fun experience. Helen had activities planned for every day during the two week period I was there. I only recall one day when we didn't do much because the heat and humidity was so miserable. She had me keep a diary of our daily activities as she knew I wouldn't be able to remember everything I did. Even though I saw it as a chore at the time, I'm glad she had me keep that diary, so I could refer back to my written memories and perhaps share them with my daughter some day. Thanks Helen for all that you did for me and my family. You were a great friend.*

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