

## **JoAnne Cooke**

**JoAnne was born in Chicago, Illinois. She and her husband Bud left Hoffman Estates, Illinois in 1959 and moved to Upland when Bud accepted a job with Sunkist Growers in Ontario. In 1968 Bud passed away unexpectedly and with 3 young daughters; Caren, Candace and Christianne, JoAnne went from a stay-at-home mom to become the Church Secretary at the First Church of Christ Scientist in Ontario. Throughout the years, JoAnne has continued her involvement in her church.**

**In 1964 JoAnne learned of the Chaffey Republican Women from a friend Ramona Finley, and she has been a member ever since. She has been an active member, holding the offices of Corresponding Secretary and First Vice President of Programs. She was elected as President in 1987 and 1988.**



**JoAnne did not limit her involvement in Republican Women to CCRWF, but went on to be elected as First Vice President and then President of San Bernardino County Republican Women for a two year term in 1993. She has also served on various committees and in numerous Chairmanships in the Southern Division.**

**JoAnne could be found wherever there was a Republican Headquarters: the Republican Women headquarters in Ontario and then in Upland for ten years and the County Headquarters' in Rancho Cucamonga and Upland. JoAnne has worked in all of the presidential and gubernatorial elections through the years, and most of the local candidates' races. She could always be found walking precincts, telephoning and of course getting the mail done.**

**She tells of the fun members of Republican Women had working together – like at the Upland Headquarters on Second Avenue where they didn't have a television. On Election Day they would receive the results of Ronald Reagan's race for the presidency from the owner of a Lock and Key business next door.**

**JoAnne joined CCRWF's Bridge Club one year – she laughs as she tells of how she and her partner Thelma Claflin were never dealt a playing hand all year.**

**Today JoAnne is dedicated to her two Miniature German Schnauzers, Johnnie and Joey, her girls and grandchildren. She continues to be involved in her church, having recently "retired" from managing the Reading Room once a week.**