



Diane Katherine Lewis Chaney
April 25, 1931 – August 13, 2015
Resident of Santa Cruz

UCSC Professor of Anthropology Emerita Diane Lewis was born and raised in Los Angeles where she attended Manual Arts High School. After completing her B.A. and M.A. at UCLA, she obtained her Ph.D. in Anthropology from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., in 1962. While at Cornell, Diane did field work in Malaysia, and later published on Negeri Sembilan Malays' rules for agrarian change, and fieldwork as ideology in anthropology.

UCSC appointed Diane as a Professor of Anthropology in 1974 after she had served as a member of San Francisco State's faculty since 1962. While teaching at UCSC, Diane completed a MPH in Epidemiology at UC Berkeley in 1987 and was immediately awarded a University of California two year Grant by the University Task Force on AIDS Research. Diane was a pre-eminent activist scholar on Black women's response to inequality, the Black family, Black and White women prisoners, and Black Women's health.

After retiring from UCSC in 1993, Diane worked as a volunteer tutors with Santa Cruz's Literacy Center for three years, tutoring English as a Second Language students. She was also a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for a year and a half. Diane helped organize the Santa Cruz, CA, - Guama, Santiago, Cuba, Sister City relationship and co-led a delegation of bilingual teachers to a conference in Cuba in 2004. In 2015, she was a member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the Society for Applied Anthropology, and the Retired Public Employees' Association. Diane loved gardening and speaking Spanish.

After fighting cancer since December, Diane died Thursday in her home surrounded by her daughter Raven Chaney and her grandchildren Kevin and Rosalie Chisolm. She is also survived by her grandson Corey Chisolm, her sister Candace Luster, brother George Lewis, niece Christian Havens and grandnephew Jared Perry. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Bancroft, Attn. Kim Minton, Senior Director Individual Giving, 800 N. Kings Highway, Suite

308, Cherry Hill, N.J. 08034 (www.bancroft.org). A Memorial Service was held at the Pacific Gardens Chapel, 1050 Cayuga Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95062 Saturday August 22nd at 3 p.m.

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