

Georgene Bihlman was born on February 24, 1925 in Yuba City of George and Irene Bihlman. Georgene was raised on the family farm in Live Oak, CA with her older sister Betty Irene Bihlman Seymour (deceased), and her brother, George Todd Bihlman who still lives on the farm. She loved horses and had two horses growing up, Bud and Skezik. She used to do tricks on the bare backs of the horses in the corral, giving her mother a fright!

Georgene left Live Oak to obtain a BA at San Jose State in PE and an MA from Stanford. Georgene then spent 46 years teaching PE at Bakersfield College, teaching and excelling in every sport that she could possibly participate in. She even created a ski hill on the back of the college football stadium. Cottonseed hulls were first used for a slippery cover. Georgene then purchased Italian plastic to use for the skiing surface. She taught hundreds of students to ski on the plastic. For the final, Georgene would take the class on a field trip to real snow and test the skills learned on the plastic hill.

Georgene devoted herself to skiing both as a teacher and competitor for over 50 years. She won her first trophy in Far West Competition in 1949. It was a first place Class B Combined Championship, Downhill and Slalom, Women's Division. Overcoming near fatal illnesses twice, she rose to the top of Veterans and Masters racing. From the inception of the USSA National Masters Team in 1980, Georgene was named to the National Team nineteen times. She won over 850 trophies and awards from all parts of the world, including the Super 40 World Cup from Europe.

In 1979 Georgene was inducted into the Bob Elias Kern County Sports Hall of Fame. In 1998 Georgene was awarded the NASJA Outstanding Competitors Award, an honor she shares with many of America's top skiers. She was the oldest person to receive this award.

In 2002 Georgene was given the highest honor in skiing by being inducted into the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in Ishpeming, Michigan. Lastly, in 2009 Far West Ski Association honored Georgene with its top award, the Hans Georg award.

Throughout her life, she had the determination to succeed at any sport she pursued. Her highest achievements were in her love for skiing. She traveled the world to enjoy her love for the mountains and skiing. Georgene passed away in Truckee, CA on February 15, 2010.

A private funeral has been held at Georgene's request.