

## Vera L. Pitts, Professor Emerita of the Department of Educational Leadership, Passed Away September 2018



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*Vera Leola (Johnson) Pitts  
Resident of San Mateo*

*Vera L. Pitts passed away at the age of 87. Born in Wichita, Kansas in 1931, she was raised in Oakland, California. Dr. Pitts received her BA from UC Berkeley, MA from Sacramento State and her Ph. D. in Education Administration from Michigan State University. She served as a teacher and administrator in Stockton Public Schools before joining the faculty of California State University, East Bay. Vera trained future school principals at that institution for nearly 20 years. Before her retirement in 1990, Vera also held positions in the US Department of Education, Washington, DC and in the Oakland Public Schools, where she was Interim Superintendent. She served on numerous boards, including those for Pacific School of Religion, Family Services, and the San Mateo STD/HIV Program. Vera was also active in Bay Area churches. Dr. Pitts is survived by sisters Linnie Williams of Southern California, Wadie Jean Amar of El Cerrito, California and by several cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband,*