

JOAN RAPOPORT

## Potter taught at Van Nuys school

Joan Rapoport, 66, an artist and potter who taught classes at Everywoman's Village in the San Fernando Valley, died of pancreatic cancer July 21 at her home in Van Nuys, said her husband, Ron.

Rapoport specialized in raku, a centuries-old ceramic technique

used to fire cups and bowls for traditional Japanese tea services as well as other vessels. For years, she taught pottery courses at Everywoman's Village in Van Nuys, a now-defunct, nonprofit adult school that offered instruction in a broad spectrum of subjects.

Born in Cleveland on Sept. 23, 1942, Rapoport attended Tufts University in Boston. While there she studied ceramics at Boston's School of the Museum of Fine Arts. Besides teaching at various studios in the Los Angeles area, she also led classes at art centers in the Chicago area while living there with her husband, a veteran sportswriter and columnist.