



Maureen A. Moore

March 16, 1957 - March 14, 2014

Maureen A. Moore passed away Friday at her home in Benicia following a long illness. She was born in Los Angeles and has been a Benicia resident for the past 21 years. Maureen was a graduate of Westchester High School in 1974 and received her Bachelors of Music degree from University of Southern California. She has worked as a Voice & Music Teacher for more than 20 years and was a former actress & opera singer.

Maureen is survived by her husband James Haan; nephews Robert, Rick, John & Gary Moore; uncle Donald Higginbotham; cousins Laura Ward, Steve Ward, Nelly, Mary and Matthew Higginbotham; Stepmother Ruth Welch; stepbrother Bill Wheat and stepsister Susan Simitzi.

A Celebration of her Life will be held April 12 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Benicia Clock Tower. Family prefers donations to Compassionate International.

Tribute Wall

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“ *May your beautiful memory be eternal!* ”

Susan Simitzi - May 25, 2014 at 10:42 PM

“ Although I didn’t know her at the time, I believe that Maureen was in my mom’s first class (third grade) at Paseo Del Rey Elementary School. I would get to know Maureen years later mostly during our Westchester High School years and primarily through the A Cappella Choir aka “Woody’s Choir”. I still vividly remember Maureen’s beautiful show voice in her stellar performance as “Marian, the Librarian” in *The Music Man*. I can recall her singing “Goodnight My Someone” and “Till There Was You.” In my mind I can still hear her lovely voice. In my opinion, she became the new standard for the role, surpassing, though still outstanding, Shirley Jones.

While we weren’t the closest of friends, I consider her to be a good friend and we frequently chatted small talk while in high school. In post high school years I did manage a great date with her while I was home (Los Angeles) during the summer in between school years while I attended Brigham Young University (Provo). Although I attended BYU, Maureen and my dad have something in common- USC alumni (and both now having passed away; my dad just last August).

My sympathy and empathy goes out to all of Maureen’s family, her students, students’ families, and other friends. Maureen joins the growing list of persons I love who have passed through the veil, my dear friend and also “Woody Choir” member Jeff Dial, Woody (Robert Wood), himself, and Sam Uskovich who was heavily involved in nearly all the high school musical productions, and others, all of whom I hope to see again.

These are the lyrics found in Numbers 6:24-26 and put into a musical rendition by Peter Christian Lutkin (1858–1931) that “Woody’s Choir” would sing at the close of nearly all of our performances that I believe we believed and hopefully still believe in and that I hope may bring you comfort.

“The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace, and give you peace,
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.
Amen.”

I believe Maureen will be beckoning us with her supernal voice when it is our time to depart this mortal existence and into an immortal one.

Sincerely,
Scott Von Der Lohe

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“ *The Love family is so sad to hear of Maureen's passing after her long illness. Our hearts go out to her family, and especially to James who is such a wonderful husband to Maureen. Maureen was Sam's piano teacher and a friend to Sam, as well as to Rick and Karen. We had many a good time, at her home, and at ours. Maureen will be missed by the entire community of Benicia, and by all whose lives she so enriched.*

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