



Phyllis Ann Debois

September 14, 1948 - September 8, 2022

Phyllis Ann DeBois passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Thursday, September 8th. A longtime resident of Benicia, she was an avid gardener, intrepid hiker, passionate educator, and devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Phyllis spent a long and rewarding career teaching and inspiring children throughout the Bay Area, beginning in Rohnert Park in the 1970s and retiring from the Napa Valley Unified School District in 2011. She also had a deep appreciation for nature. She hiked the Sierra, Rocky, Alps, Andes, and Cascade mountain ranges with her family and BAW hiking group. She found joy and peace in cultivating her colorful garden at home. She loved cooking for her family and friends. Phyllis was a student of history and mindfulness practices, an active member of Arts Benicia, a proud feminist, and an activist for women and minority rights.

Phyllis is survived by her loving husband of 47 years, Spencer Rundberg, her children Anders Rundberg (Emily Stuenzi) and Jordan (Lesley) Rundberg, her sister Carolynn (Dan) Zocchi and brothers Rodney (Carol) DeBois, Greg (Liney) DeBois, and Jeff (Theresa) DeBois, her beautiful granddaughter Isla and a grandchild on the way. She is also survived by her walking and gardening companion, Henry the Golden Retriever.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Phyllis' name to Arts Benicia Youth Education Program.

Services will be private.

Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis Ann Debois*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the DeBois & Rundberg family. Phyllis and I were friends from Lockbourne Air Force Base in Ohio when are fathers were in the service. From St Ladislas & Bishop Hartley High School ,may her kind soul rest in peace.*

Gelsilica Walker - November 11, 2022 at 03:54 AM



“ *She was a wonderful guide and inspiration to us all. Deepest sympathies for you, Spence and your family.*

Gayle A Vaughan - September 22, 2022 at 02:40 PM



“ *She was beautiful. She was witty. She was talented. She was loving. And she walked beside you for half a century, Spence. The angels are jealous. My sincere condolences to her loved ones and may her memory bring you joy, always. Patty Galvan*

Patty Galvan - September 15, 2022 at 11:46 AM