



Rita Marie Felix

February 27, 1940 - June 8, 2012

Rita Marie Felix, aged 72 of Benicia, CA passed away June 8, 2012 with her loyal friends and family at her bedside.

Rita was born in Oakland, CA on February 27, 1940 to Manuel and Frances (Tavares) Felix.

At age 11, Rita started to attend Camp Whitaker, later named BearSkin Meadow, a summer camp for young diabetics that is based in the Sequoia National Forest. She spent every summer going to the camp and as a young adult she participated as a camp counselor in the summer camp program.

Rita graduated from Holy Names College in 1962. She taught English, History and Drama at Redwood Jr. High School in Napa, CA for 34 years. After retiring she spent much of her time traveling through out the USA, Canada, the British Isles, Europe, South Africa, Australia and parts of the South Pacific.

Rita served for 30 years as a member and officer of the Board of Directors for Brand New Sound, Inc. A youth community show choir, based in Contra Costa County. She traveled as trip chaperone with these aspiring stage performers through 7 states, Canada, and Mexico. They performed in Disneyland 8 times in 25 years as well as local festivals, events, concerts and local TV shows.

Rita's passion in life was her active participation in the International Training and Communications (ITC) Organization. ITC's purpose was to help people develop their public speaking and presentation skills. Rita worked her way up through the organization to become Chapter, District and State Presidents; she became International President in 1995.

Rita is survived a sister, Clara George, a brother, Ronald Seymour and by her lifelong friend, companion and caregiver Jeanie Brown.

She was predeceased by her parents, her brothers, James and Manuel Turnos and her sister, Betty Goulart.

A Memorial Mass will be held 10:00 a.m Thursday, June 14th at St. Dominic's Catholic Church, 475 East I Street, Benicia. Rita's ashes will be interred with her parents at St. Mary's Cemetery, Oakland, CA. Donations may be made to

Diabetic Youth Foundation, 5167 Clayton Road, Concord, Holy Names University, or to a charity of your choice. Please visit the online tribute at www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Marie Felix*

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“ *My family moved to Napa just before I started junior high. Miss Felix was one of the teachers I remember most happily from those years at Redwood, for making her classroom a welcoming place full of enthusiasm and exploration. In particular, I appreciated the many field trips that she and Mr. Jones arranged for us. They were opportunities for us to experience the larger world, especially San Francisco, with a wonderful combination of safety and freedom. My warmest thoughts to her family and friends.*

Camille Trentacoste - June 15, 2012 at 01:50 PM



“ *I was fortunate to have Ms Felix as a teacher in junior high over a couple of years and she was by far one of my fondest memories of that time. She loved teaching and it showed and I believe left most with an indelible spirit that was hers alone. I last spoke with her in the late eighties during a visit to Redwood for my nephew's open house in the library. "I'm the librarian now!" she exclaimed proudly. She took every endeavor as seriously as she took her teaching. We talked about her early days in the east bay where I was living at the time. The smile in her photo is the one I will always remember and cherish...my condolences to her family and friends.*
Mike Deyerle

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“ We first met Rita when she was our daughter, Margaret's, GAT sponsor. Eventually we became colleagues at Redwood Junior High School when I became the principal in 1980. Certainly I appreciated Rita's talents and enthusiasm in the classroom and the library. However, I am most grateful for her friendship of these many years. She was a bright spirit who will be missed by all of us who loved her.

Harrell and Jan Miller

Harrell and Jan Miller - June 12, 2012 at 12:10 PM