



Joan C Dunton

January 5, 2015

Obituary of Joan Dunton

Joan C. Dunton (Anderson) of Palo Alto Villages, FL (formerly from Glenville, NY) passed away peacefully on Monday, January 5, 2015. In her 80 plus years, Joan was a devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and beloved friend to all that were lucky enough to have known her.

A graduate of Mont Pleasant HS in Schenectady, NY Joan went off to college to study French horn and music education at the Crane School of Music at the State University at Potsdam where she received her bachelor degree. During the summers, to help pay for college, Joan and her two sisters, June (her twin) and Bettye, who also attended Crane, sang at the Dellwood Resort in the Catskill Mountains of New York.

Joan taught music for over thirty years, mostly Jr High level, and taught French horn privately on the side. She lived life passionately bringing her joy, love and laughter to all she met and knew. She championed the musical arts, education and enjoyed singing with The Village Voices, Showtime Singers, Philharmonic Orchestra and North Lake Presbyterian Church Choir, where she also volunteered.

Joan is preceded in death by 1st husband Al Opicka, sister Bettye, son Keith, step-son Tom Dunton, brother-in-law Ron Partch and her husband Robert Dunton. She is survived by twin sister June Partch, cousin Bob Hall, children Debra Murphy, Mark Opicka, step-children Bob Dunton (Marylou) Carol Rieken (Bill), grandchildren and step-grandchildren Brielle, Bob, Chris, Michael, Greg, Erin, Molly as well as many nieces and nephews. She leaves behind countless friends, who loved and adore her as did her family. Joan was inspirational, joyful, caring and loved by everyone that had the pleasure of meeting her. She was a joy to be around, loved laughter and making others laugh and lit up any room she entered. She lived her life lovingly to its fullest and will be greatly missed. Our loss is heaven's gain.

A celebration of her inspirational and loving life will be held, 11am on Feb. 21st at North Lake Presbyterian Church, 975 Rolling Acres Road, The Villages, FL

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Villagers for Hospice, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL 32162. They are amazing people.

Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL

Tribute Wall

LT

“ Hugs and prayers, to Mark, Debbie and other Opika/ Dunton Family members. So many good memories of Joan at Okte doing the musical/ art shows over the years. What a special lady. But then I am not telling you something you don't already know. I am so grateful for having known both Joan and Bob. Our house was the first one Bob ever sold as a real estate agent. Mark, your Pen and ink picture of it still hangs in the living room.

Lois Tyler - January 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Betty and I knew Joan way back when we worked for Bob in the Junior High. Bob was always so serious but when Joan walked in the whole office erupted with laughter at the tales she would tell us about her and Bob. What a beautiful tribute to her in her obituary because that is who she was always: love and laughter..she will be missed by all who knew her. Bless you her family..we are so sorry for your loss.

Kathy Krochina/Betty Cardin - January 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ To June Partch (Joan's sister), Please accept our sincere regrets to the passing of Joan. We remember her vividly, as if it was yesterday, as a vibrant and caring friend and fellow musician from Mont Pleasant High School, Schenectady, NY. Yes, she always had a smile to greet you and make you feel as her friend. So sorry, June. Tom and Grace Brown

Tom and Grace Brown - January 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ To Joan's family: Miriam has fond memories of singing with Joan in the Choralettes and Village Voices. We also remember visiting with Robert and Joan at our former neighbors, Carston and Miriam. We send our deepest sympathy. Miriam and Richard Ludwig

Miriam and Richard Ludwig - January 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ We want to convey our condolences to Joan's family. We enjoyed Bob & Joan over the years at Guys & Dolls Golf League. They were both special people.. From Guys & Doll's Golf League we want to express our sincere condolences and from Norm & Bonnie Dixon

Norm & Bonnie Dixon - January 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Joan C Dunton

January 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ My condolences to Mark, Debbie and family. I last saw Joan over forty years ago but she leaves me with indelible memories of joy, wit, lots of laughs. It was a lasting pleasure to know Joan. I always thought of her as a special person in my life. I hope she will meet with Al in her hereafter. Ted (Ed) Stetson

Ed Stetson - January 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM