



Maria Antonini

March 29, 1955 - February 17, 2019

Maria was set free from her battle with cancer on the morning of February 17, 2019 at Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara.

Maria's deep appreciation for teaching and dedication to her students was easily apparent as she continued her work despite treatments and surgery. Her strong will to live along with an unwavering encouragement from her family carried her through.

Maria was born on March 29, 1955 to Mr. and Mrs. Regis L. Antonini in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1967 Maria moved to Santa Barbara, CA where she lived for the next 30 years. She attended San Roque, Bishop Diego High School, Santa Barbara City College, and UCSB where she earned her PhD in philosophy. She then moved to Weston, CT where she realized her dream of teaching at NYU amongst her many distinguished colleagues. She was an esteemed professor for 26 years.

Maria was dearly loved by her family, friends, students and colleagues. Her brilliant mind, her enthusiasm and love for life will live on in our hearts forever. Maria loved the outdoors where she found serenity in nature. She was an avid hiker and skier. Her most prized possession of over 1000 books lined the shelves of her room and are a testament to her love for learning and connection to all living beings on earth.

Maria also had a deep love for animals, working tirelessly with many of her dearest friends, and her brother Robert to bring hope to thousands of abandoned and abused animals.

Maria has predeceased her mother and closest companion Marilyn Smith. She will be dearly missed by her siblings Barbara, Robert, Laurie, and Marilyn. Her nieces Ava, Samantha, Valery and Natalie. Her nephews Joshua, Christopher and Jonathan.

A celebration of Maria's life and Rosary will take place on February 22, 2019 at 5pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 1300 E. Valley Rd. in Montecito, CA. Burial will be February 23, 1:00pm at Calvary Cemetery, 199 North Hope Ave. Santa Barbara.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to FreedomRideRescue@gmail.com

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

199 North Hope Ave
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
(805) 687-8811
http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery_id=3

Previous Events

Rosary

FEB **22**. 5:00 PM (PT)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church
1300 East Valley Rd.
Santa Barbara, CA 93108
(805) 969-6868
<http://www.olmc-montecito.com>

Graveside Service

FEB **23**. 1:00 PM (PT)

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