



Joanne G. Peters

June 20, 1948 - June 20, 2016

Peters, Joanne G., age 68, of Royal Oak, passed away June 20, 2016. Joanne received her bachelor's and master's in music education from Wayne State University. She was an accomplished flutist in the Detroit area, including playing in the Michigan Opera Theatre. She began her teaching career at Roeper City and Country and then went on to teach at Taylor Public Schools. In addition, she gave private flute lessons. Joanne was a fine cook, enjoyed music, wine, flowers and watching cooking shows. She traveled extensively around the world, but her favorite place to visit was Key West. An avid dog lover, Joanne owned five Boston Terriers in her life and they were all named "Bronzo"!

Sister of Judy. Daughter of the late Russell and Leona. Also survived by an aunt, many cousins and wonderful friends. She will also be missed by her dog, Max.

Joanne will lie in state Monday 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass 10 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, MI 48067. Burial at Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak. Memorials to the Royal Oak Animal Shelter, 1515 N. Edgeworth Avenue, Royal Oak, MI 48067 are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street
(south of 12 Mile Road)
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
730 S. Lafayette Avenue
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Joanne was our next door neighbor growing up. I remember the Peters family with great fondness and their love of Boston Bull Terriers. Our love goes with Judy and her remaining family.*



Jack Baldwin

Jack Baldwin - June 26, 2016 at 04:48 PM

KC

“ *The entire Peters family were very close to our family and lived near by. Judy and Joanne both worked for my parent's photography studio. I remember when I was in Junior High School Band at Barton, and I was given an old clarinet to play from my family. It would not hit the high notes at all and my songs had to be lowered. Joanne, Judy and I sat in their basement and worked on those songs until I had them perfect and they did out of the goodness of their hearts. RIP in eternal peace Joanne. You will be missed by many who will have warm memories of you in their hearts forever.*

Karen Clinard - June 25, 2016 at 11:32 AM

AS

“ *As a fellow music teacher at Roeper, Joanne's talent and creativity was so appreciated in planning and performing joint ventures with our students. Blessings to Judy and the rest of Joanne's family as they celebrate the life of this wonderful person, musician and friend.*

Ann Sachs - June 25, 2016 at 10:27 AM

BR

“ I am so sorry to hear of Joanne's passing. I grew up with Joanne, she was always fun and oh so kind. She had a heart of gold. Judy, you have my deepest condolences

Beth Clinard Richards - June 25, 2016 at 01:00 AM

CM

“ Joanne was a huge source of support for me when I was her student at Roeper. When I didn't have a place to practice the piano after school, she gave me the keys to the music room so I could use the piano there. When I was accepted as a student by a well-known, exclusive flautist, and had large amounts of practicing to do, she arranged a quiet place in the school for me to practice. And when the well-known, exclusive flautist was making me miserable, she helped me to realize that it's okay to say, "Dude, you're not for me."

Joanne encouraged her students to spread their wings. So many musical projects representing all genres were launched in her music room. So many different types of music were played on her record player. (Yes, record player! This was a long time ago!) Not many other music teachers would say, "You want to rewrite your part of the score for the musical because you think you can make it better? Go for it!"

Joanne was very funny, observant, and funny in her observations, which she freely shared. I think she influenced the way all of her students thought about all forms of music, from classical choral to Broadway scores to jazz to rock.

I look forward to reading my classmates' remembrances of Joanne. She was one of the people who made Roeper the great place it was for our generation.

Caryn Martinez (Alexander) Class of '81

Caryn Alexander Martinez - June 22, 2016 at 04:39 PM

PV

“*Joanne and I taught at Roeper together for many years, and shared many a laugh. She was honest, open and fun!*
Pat Vance

Pat Vance - June 22, 2016 at 03:31 PM

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“*Joanne was my favorite teacher in high school. She sustained me in times of trouble, supported me in doing the right thing, and trusted me in a way that made me worthy of that trust. Flights of angels sing thee to thy rest old friend.*

Tyne Turner - June 21, 2016 at 11:01 PM