



Joan Plauda

April 15, 2012

Of Vadnais Heights Formerly of Minnetonka Passed away April 9, 2012, after a wonderful life of family, friends and music. Preceded in death by beloved parents Phyllis and Dale Hanna of Burlington, CO, Joan is survived by husband, Owen Plauda; son, Ross (Michelle) Dunbar of Bloomington; daughter, Heather Dunbar of Boston; grandsons Taylor and Evan Dunbar of Bloomington; sisters Carol (Kenneth) Ancell of Houston and Linda (Jim) Augenbaugh of Denver; step-daughters Leslie (Mike Pennaz) Plauda of White Bear Lake and Wendy Plauda of Vadnais Heights; step-grandchildren Kyle Hubbs of Midland, MI and Eric Hubbs of White Bear Lake. Memorial services to celebrate Joan will be held 2 P.M. Saturday, April 21 at Wesley United Methodist Church located at 101 East Grant Street, Minneapolis. Visitation will take place an hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to The Singers (formerly the Dale Warland Singers) to be used for commissioned musical piece. Washburn-McReavy Strobeck Johnson 952-938-9020

Tribute Wall

BR

“ *A great pianist, a wonderful teacher and an amazing person. She was always one of my favorite people to be around and will be very missed by all those she touched.* ”

~

Brad Roszell,

Austin, Texas

Brad Roszell - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SY

“Mrs. Dunbar is woven in to so many of my choir memories, starting with the Mtka Concert Choir in 5th grade, all the way through singing at HHS. She was always so supportive of me someone I knew I could count on to have my back. She will be greatly missed.

~

Shannon Young,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Shannon Young - April 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TR

“Joan, your musical soul flowed from each finger tip, inspiring me and supporting my efforts to sing somewhere close to the notes you played for our beloved Carefree choir. I'll never forget you and always miss you. God's choir of angels is blessed to have you.

~

Twyla Ring,

N. Branch, Minnesota

Twyla Ring - April 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *The unsung hero of every play production and choir concert at HHS - Thank you for being such a wonderful influence on all of us (musically and otherwise). It was privilege to perform with you and an honor to have known you.*

~

Tyler Wilkins,

Rome, Georgia

Tyler Wilkins - April 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TR

“*Mrs. Dunbar was an amazing musician and wonderful friend to me. She taught me piano when I was young, accompanied me for every choir and solo competition I ever participated in at Hopkins high and even came all the way to Albuquerque, NM to play and accompany me at my wedding. Her ability to bring a smile and stay patient under trying circumstances was remarkable. I am so saddened to hear that she will no longer grace so many with her amazing talents. Heather and Ross, my prayers are with you. Your mother will be dearly missed.*

~

Tom Rinde,

Carol Stream, Illinois

Tom Rinde - April 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Ms. D! What a wonderful lady and a great pianist! She was a huge part of the many great memories of Hopkins choir. Thanks for being a blessing to so many kids over the years!*

~

Brock Heinrich,

Eagan, Minnesota

Brock Heinrich - April 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Ms. Dunbar from Hopkins High School. I can still hear her laugh (usually at Mr. Nordli!) Blessings and prayers to her family at this time.

~

Krista Kylo-Griffin,

San Diego, California

Krista Kylo-Griffin - April 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *One of the most beautiful people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. I have so many wonderful memories of Hopkins High School choir, and she is a part of every one of them...*

~

Katie Kladt Castro,

Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Contact Me

Katie Kladt Castro - April 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Thinking of you all as you celebrate Joan's life and mourn her passing. Peace and love to you.

~

Kelli Chan,

Highlands Ranch, Colorado

Kelli Chan - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ I am so, so sorry to hear of Joan's passing. Joan would often substitute for me at the Music Association of Minnetonka. Her musicianship and love of life, as well as her smile and sense of humor will be greatly missed. Peace and prayers to the Dunbar-Plauda family. *Patty McPherson*

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Patty McPherson,

St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Patty McPherson - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My thoughts and prayers go to all her family, especially Heather and Ross. I considered Ms. Dunbar (as I will probably always think of her) and a wonderful musician and a great friend. She was a huge part of the musical experience at Hopkins High and my life, as well as the lives of so many others, is so much richer for having known her.

~

Joe Cardamone,

Kenosha, Wisconsin

Contact Me

Joe Cardamone - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *A fond farewell Ms Dunbar, you will be missed by many! Thank you for the music in our lives!*

~

Kim Grant,

Lindstrom, Minnesota

Contact Me

Kim Grant - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I am so sorry for your loss, she was a wonderful woman. I have such great memories of her playing piano at Hopkins High School, I loved sitting by her on her bench. Thoughts and prayers go to her family. Kristina (Olsen) Mohlin Class of 91'

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Kristina Mohlin,

Lino Lakes, Minnesota

Kristina Mohlin - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Owen- My sympathy to you and family.I was so lucky to have heard Joan play the piano and the organ at the Presbyterian church in Richfield.She had a super talent.

~

Jon Lokensgard,

Apache Junction, Arizona

Jon Lokensgard - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *All the best to your family at this time. I have many fond memories of working with Joan.*Mark Czech

~

Mark Czech,

Medina, Minnesota

Mark Czech - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Ms. Dunbar was one of my absolute favorite people at Hopkins High School. She will never be forgotten. Be at peace.*

~

Jessica Laven,

Nashville, Tennessee

Contact Me

Jessica Laven - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Sincerely one of the kindest ladies. My parents treasured their relationship with her and I expect that my dad is ready to turn some sheet music for her in heaven. She joyfully put up with some incredibly immature tenors and endeared us to her along the way. Her laugh and smile will not be forgotten. :)

~

Joe Larsen,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Joe Larsen - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dear Mr. Plauda, I'm so sorry for your loss. We met your lovely wife when you came to our class re-union 5 years ago. I knew you as a wonderful art teacher and your family as neighbors that I used to baby sit for so many years ago. I hope the love of your children and grandchildren and friends will help you through this hard time.
Sincerely, Beth Minogue

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Beth Minogue,

Maplewood, Minnesota

Beth Minogue - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Owen--I know I speak for many when I say my thoughts are of you at this time.

~

Dick Peery,

Shaker Heights, Ohio

Contact Me

Dick Peery - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our love and sadness on the loss of our dear friend, Joan. Our memories of wonderful musical get togethers, plays, and gatherings, and so many Vikings, Twins and Gopher games shared, will always be in our hearts! What fun we've had together! Blessings and God's comfort be with you, Owen and all of Joan's dear family. She was so proud of you all!-Bev and Duane Chirhart (White Bear, Mn and Winter Haven, FL. friends*

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WS

“ Owen, ALL here at Carefree South will Greatly Miss Joan's Sunday morning Music. We looked forward to you folk's for Chapel Service. Would love to be able to give Joan a big hug. Walt(Audio Man) and Eloise Shadick Lot 1017

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Walter Shadick,

Winter Haven, Florida

Contact Me

Walter Shadick - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joan's music put all of our minds and bodies together to make our Carefree Choir a musical experience we will never forget Lovingly,
Karen Jensen & Jim Beaulieu*

April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ross and Heather, my heart and prayers are with you. Your mom was a beautiful, and wonderful woman with an incredible spirit. I have wondered how she was and prayed for her health. Love to you both...*

~

Tracy Krogen

Contact Me

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LD

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, Wendy!

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Laurie Detviler,

Savage, Minnesota

Laurie Detviler - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I was fortunate to know Joan when I was a student at Hopkins High School and our friendship continued for years after that. She was a remarkable woman and such a talented musician. The world lost a good one. Owen and the rest of the family--- sending you comfort during this difficult time.

~

Jen Westmoreland Bouchard,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

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