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Mary Corinne Collins Moore



1936 - 2018

Mary was born in Duluth, Minn., on Dec. 9, 1936. She died peacefully on April 26, 2018, in Walnut Creek, Calif. She is the daughter of Emmons Collins and Mary (Bradley) Collins. She is the sister of Stephen Collins and Johanna Duclos, and twin sister of Sarah Wyard.

Mary graduated from Smith College in Northampton, Mass., before moving to San Francisco where she met John W. Moore. They married in 1966 and were together for 47 years until John's death in 2013.

Mary and John made their home in Moraga where they raised their two children: Robert Emmons (Bob) Moore and Mary Katherine (Katie) Wunder, married to loving son-in-law Michael Wunder. Mary and John became the happy grandparents of Mary Elizabeth (Mimi) Swanson, and her step-brothers, Cristian and Brandon Wunder.

Mary's life was filled with adventure and laughter. Her quick wit and sense of humor endeared her to those of us lucky enough to know her. Mary added sparkle to all gatherings, with the Fourth of July being her signature event.

Mary also had a kind and generous spirit, donating many hundreds of hours in service to her church and community. She spent tireless hours at the Bay Area Crisis Nursery. She loved her volunteer job in the Endoscopy department of John Muir Hospital and she helped found the Valley Adult Day Care Center (LARC).

She will be remembered most for being an unconditionally loving mother, wife, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin and friend.

Mary was famous for her delicious frosted brownies and all agree they have never been equaled. As a gift to those who love Mary, Bob and Katie have agreed to share her well-guarded secret brownie recipe. Copies will be available at the Celebration of Mary's Life, which will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 19 at the Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, 433 Moraga Way in Orinda. There will be a dessert reception following the church service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Lamorinda Adult Respite Center "LARC", Bay Area Crisis Nursery or Moraga Community Foundation.

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