

Barbara Jeanne Conahan

Celebration of Life



Saturday, May 4, 2024, 12:00 pm

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco
1187 Franklin Street
San Francisco, California 94109
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Memorial Service

Barbara Conahan

September 8, 1947 - March 12, 2024

Prelude *E Ku'u Morning Dew* Words by Larry Kimura, Music by Eddie Kamae
 I'll Remember You Kui Lee
Ka'ala Carmack, Vocals; Aaron Carmack, Ukulele; Bill Klingelhoffer, Horn; Rosalie Alfonso, Ipu and Rainstick

Welcome Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Opening Reading "Autumn Sonnet," by May Sarton Rev. Laura Shennum

Unison Chalice Lighting

We light this candle with eyes that see, hearts that love,
and hands that are ready to serve those who need us.

Intro to the Remembrances Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Music *Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World*
"Over the Rainbow" music by Harold Arlen with lyrics by Yip Harburg
"What a Wonderful World" written by Bob Thiele (as "George Douglas") and George David Weiss
Ka'ala Carmack, Vocals; Aaron Carmack, Ukulele; Bill Klingelhoffer, Horn; Rosalie Alfonso, Ipu and Rainstick

Sharing Terry Pollack
 "An Observation" by May Sarton, read by Lauranne Cox
 Sarah McCuskey

Bell Anthem *This Little Light of Mine* American Spiritual arr. Kurt Meyer
UUSF Handbell Choir; Reiko Oda Lane, director

Sharing Gayle Reynolds

Slide Show Background music "*Blue Roses Falling*" written and performed by Jake Shimabukuro, Ukulele

Closing Reading & Closing Words

Unison Benediction a poem by Rupi Kaur from her collection "the sun and her flowers"

i am of the earth
and to the earth i shall return once more
life and death are old friends
and i am the conversation between them
i am their late-night chatter

their laughter and tears
what is there to be afraid of
if i am the gift they give to each other
this place never belonged to me anyway
i have always been theirs

Postlude *Aloha 'Oe* Lili'uokalani
Ka'ala Carmack, Vocals; Aaron Carmack, Ukulele; Bill Klingelhoffer, Horn; Rosalie Alfonso, Ipu and Rainstick

Participants

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister, First UU Society of San Francisco
Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life, First UU Society of San Francisco
Grandview Aloha Band: Ka'ala Carmack, Vocals; Aaron Carmack, Ukulele;
Bill Klingelhoffer, Horn; Rosalie Alfonso, Ipu and Rainstick
UUSF Bell Choir: Reiko Oda Lane, Director; Harold Stoddard, Barbara Delaney, Janet Scott,
Madeleine Gerlach, Kathleen Quenneville, Amy Kelly, Maric Munn, Chris Valentine

Scott and Molly would like to thank everyone who prepared and participated in this celebration.

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for hosting our reception and to Thomas Brown and Keith Hollons for their help.

Judy Payne and Athena Papadakos for the gorgeous flowers for the service and reception.

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And Suzy Bernahola for help with arrangements and coordination.

Donations

You can make donations to the charity of your choice in honor of Barb. If you are looking for guidance,
Barb loved and supported Siempre Unidos, an organization that fought and continues to fight
the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Honduras and supports those living with HIV/AIDS there.

[\(https://www.siempreunidos.org/\)](https://www.siempreunidos.org/)



Please join us in the Courtyard or Thomas Starr King Room.



“Wild Geese” by Mary Oliver



You do not have to be good.

You do not have to walk on your knees
for a hundred miles through the desert repenting.

You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.

Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you
mine.

Meanwhile the world goes on.

Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees,
the mountains and the rivers.

Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.

Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting —
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.