

**Trudy Lionel 12/5/1952 – 4/22/2022**

Adoring mother, loving wife, and champion of humanitarian and social welfare causes, Trudy Lionel was revered and adored by her children, her husband, her colleagues at work, and by all who knew her. Trudy gave so generously of herself to everyone and to all causes most worthy of her beneficence, including the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Francisco, Planned Parenthood, the Carter Center, Save the Children, and the SF-Marin Food Bank, among numerous others.

Having grown up in Nanaimo on Vancouver Island, B.C., Canada, Trudy learned to appreciate the beautiful sights and landscapes that surrounded her. A super scholar during her primary education, Trudy majored in Chemistry at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA, and then received her Ph.D. in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University, TN. Trudy then worked with Hewlett Packard in quality control for circuit board production, after which she took a nine-year career break to raise her two beautiful and loving children. Trudy then returned to work at Genentech for 12 years, where she maintained the supplies of reference materials for pharmaceutical products. She then segued into a related area of pharmaceutical stability for Bayer in Berkeley, CA. Trudy was masterful in organizing the systems and processes used by both companies, a skill which carried over to the rest of her life's work outside of her professional career, including raising her children and helping to maintain love and stability in her 47-year relationship with her adoring husband.

Trudy embraced life and so many extracurricular activities with great enthusiasm and passion, including music with her vocal and hand bell choirs at her Unitarian Church, playing piano, oboe, and recorders in various groups, hiking, bicycling, skiing, and traveling around the world. Trudy adored going to the San Francisco Symphony, Ballet, and Opera, Berkeley Repertory Theater, and many other musicals and theater productions on a recurring basis.

Trudy lived her life to the fullest, and cultivated numerous close friendships, due to her caring and supportive demeanor that endeared her to all. She was a strong and courageous fighter during her battle with ovarian cancer, but ultimately succumbed after three years. Trudy is survived by her husband, Stephen K. Gerard, her son and daughter, Benjamin Lionel Gerard and Juliana Rose Gerard, and her sister, Michelle Collier. May the memories of her adoring and infectious smile and devotion and love to her friends and family be a comfort to all who knew her. Donations in her memory may be made to the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco.