



## Mary Anne Donohoe

October 28, 1967 - January 7, 2020

Heaven gained another angel on January 7, 2020 with the passing of Mary Anne Donohoe, beloved daughter, sister, aunt and friend. Mary Anne was born on October 28, 1967 to Daniel and Ellen Jean (Bertain) Donohoe and from that day forward the lives of her parents and five siblings were forever blessed. At the tender age of two Mary started attending Caymus, The Little Red School House in Rutherford, and her love of learning began. After a few years at Caymus she went on to Wintun School and eventually took classes at both Vintage High and Napa College. Following graduation Mary Anne joined the work force, trying a few different jobs before being hired as a member of a housekeeping team at Villagio Hotel in Yountville. She was extremely proud to remain employed there for over 20 years.

Mary Anne was a dedicated athlete participating in multiple Special Olympics events throughout her life, including relay, swimming, softball, bowling, tennis, downhill skiing and gymnastics. In 1986 she traveled to Brighton, England with the Special Olympics Northern California team, competing as a gymnast in the Special Olympics World Games. Mary was an avid fan of the Forty-Niners, Oakland A's and Nascar and when she wasn't participating in sports, she watched them on TV. She so badly wanted to become a Nascar racer that she once commandeered a motorized cart in an Alaska grocery store and drove herself throughout the aisles, stopping only after knocking over several displays.

One of Mary's favorite activities was that of greeter at St. John's Catholic Church and she was very proud to welcome parishioners to the 5:00 PM Mass at the church she dearly loved. Her faith was very important in her life and she believed that prayer could accomplish anything, even making her legs grow so she could drive.

Mary Anne is survived by her brothers, Dick Donohoe (Lisande) of Anthem, AZ & Joe Donohoe of Napa, her sister Marty Hamaker (David, deceased) of Napa, her aunt, Sister Anne Bertain of San Francisco and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was predeceased by her parents as well as her brothers, Kevin Donohoe of Wasilla, AK and Dennis Donohoe of Kirkland, WA.

A Rosary in Mary Anne's honor will be recited at 4:30 PM on January 30, 2020 at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home and a Memorial Mass will be offered at 1:00 PM on January 31, 2020 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Following the Mass friends and relatives are invited to attend a celebration of her life in the church hall. Mary Anne loved dancing and parties and will always be remembered for her parting phrase, "never stop loving you".

For those wishing to donate, the family suggests the Developmentally Disabled Christian Ministries of Napa County, PO Box 5131, Napa, CA 94581 or Napa Valley Special Olympics, PO Box 2405, Napa, CA 94558.

# Events

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**JAN**   **Rosary**   04:30PM - 05:30PM

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Claffey & Rota Funeral Home  
1975 Main Street, Napa, CA, US, 94559

**JAN**   **Memorial Mass**01:00PM - 02:00PM

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St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
983 Napa St, Napa, CA, US, 94559

# Comments

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“ I worked at Wintun School back in the late 70s and early 80s. We had some great kids and families that attended. Bobby Knight, Butch Minton, Susie Dalton, Johnny Rose and Mary Ann Donahoe come to mind. Fridays at noon there was dancing on the quad, and the kids would cut loose and have great fun. Butch and Mary Ann were quite a dance couple even back then, and all the kids enjoyed the atmosphere. It was evident what a good job the Donahoes had done in raising their daughter because she was good to all, loved everyone, and everyone loved Mary Ann. There will be a special place for her-if only in our hearts.

Larry Gordon - January 31, 2020 at 11:34 AM

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“ My daughter, Jessica Peters, has known Mary Anne for most of her life and I know their paths crossed many times through Special Olympics, Napa Valley Support Services and 4th Monday gatherings. I also had the privilege of working with Mary Anne as a substitute job coach in Yountville, and she was always a delight. She worked hard and was proud of her accomplishments. She would say a blessing before we shared lunch in the staff room at the Inn, and she always had a smile on her face and a good word for everyone around her. We all learned something about how to live life from Mary Anne.

Virginia Wright - January 30, 2020 at 01:03 PM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Anne Donohoe.



January 28, 2020 at 02:02 PM

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“ My daughter, Susie Dalton, went to Wintun School with Mary Anne...so, we have known her for many years....she was like a little fairy, going from person to person and giving out hugs...and, she was soo cute....my favorite memory of her is at one of the Christmas programs at Napa College....it was the students from Wintun School....and, her and Butch, (Carl Minton) were dancing to rock and roll music - and, boy could they dance...it brought down the house, for sure.....Susie says she always called her sis....

Love and prayers, from Susie Dalton and family, and Joy O'Gara, Susie Mom

**Joy O'Gara** - January 25, 2020 at 01:32 PM

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“ Dick and Joe, I was sad to learn of Mary Anne's passing. I know she brought much love and light to your family and that she will be missed greatly. Please know I am holding you and your family in my thoughts and praying for peace and comfort for you all during this difficult time. Warmly, Laura Brooks

**Laura Brooks** - January 24, 2020 at 03:52 PM

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“ Mary Anne is one of my closest friends from Special Olympics and Wine Bev Services of the UCP of the North Bay Mary Anne had a long Napa Valley Transition friendship with my fiancé Theresa, her group of Transition friends from Vintage High School in Napa. Mary Anne touched her UCP of the North Bay Community with Wine Bev Services before I started working for the Meritage Resort and Spa in Napa with UCP of the North Bay Supportive Employment. I'm coming to Mary Anne's service to represent Wine Bev and UCP of the North Bay I will share my thoughts at Mary Anne's service on my day off on Friday January 31st. when Mary Anne first met me was Special Olympics before I worked with her at Wine Bev Services, I lost communication with her after Wine Bev I will save my thoughts for her service, for her family, friends to hear with permission of the family. Mary Anne will be missed we will miss her talks, the hugs she gives, the conversations we had with her. remember the last time we talked with her see u at Mary Anne's service

**Christopher Bennett** - January 21, 2020 at 12:10 AM

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“ Michelle Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mary Anne Donohoe



Michelle Hayes - January 20, 2020 at 07:47 PM

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“ I worked with Mary Anne several times at vintage inn ! She was such a kind loving person with a heart of gold ! She was also a very hard worker and paid attention to details involving her job at the hotel! I have faith that I will see her again and I am proud to call her one of my Friends ! Rest In Peace beautiful soul , until we meet again ! Love always and forever , michelle hayes

Michelle Hayes - January 20, 2020 at 07:35 PM

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“ I am so sad to hear of Mary Anne's passing. She was the life of the party and loved nothing more than being in the spotlight. She was funny, bright, and loved everyone. I'll never forget her spunky charm. So sorry for your loss, I know she will be missed terribly. Please, my condolences to the entire Donohoe Family. She certainly left her mark in our world. Love and hugs to all.

Barbara Francom Speck

Barbara Francom Speck - January 19, 2020 at 05:14 AM

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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mary Anne Donohoe.



January 18, 2020 at 12:51 AM



“ My favorite memory of Mary Anne is when she was on my 2011 Special Olympics swim team going to UC Davis for the Northern California Special Olympics Summer Games with Suzy Jordan, representing team Napa County in Aquatics (swimming) of the Napa Special Olympics, she (Mary Anne) never gave up that weekend @ UC Davis, she worked hard for the 2 silver medals in the 25 meter freestyle & 25 meter backstroke & was on my bowling team in 2016 for a year as my assistant Capitan on the bowling team of The "4" Pinheads & had a high game ever in bowling in league with a 165 in 2003 & she will be missed by all the friends that she made over the years & had the heart of a true champion. Thanks for the memories Mary Anne, I will never forget you. Love & Prayers always, Timmy

Timmy "The Fonz" - January 16, 2020 at 10:55 PM



“ I worked with Mary Anne for a number of years up at the hotel in Yountville and Mary Anne was a hard worker a loving person and a kind friend I'll truly miss her

Janette Tallant - January 16, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of Mary Anne's passing. She always loved to sing along in the pews with me when I cantored the Saturday 5 PM Mass. She always told me I was her favorite singer (and I suspect she said the same thing to all the other cantors, as she was a kind soul and very generous with compliments). I always looked forward to getting a hug when I left after Mass.

You will be missed, Mary Anne! St. John's will not be the same without you!

Ellen Frediani

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church cantor and choir member



Ellen Frediani - January 16, 2020 at 01:55 PM