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Marsha WACHTELL Obituary

WACHTELL, Marsha Banen 70, passed away on Thursday, October 28, 2010, in Encino, California, surrounded by her family and friends, and following her courageous battle with ALS. She is survived by her husband of over 42 years, Michael; her daughters, Lisa and Karyn; her sons-in-law, Michael and David; her precious grandchildren, Benjamin, Tobey, Gabriel and Jessica; and numerous loving family members. Marsha was born and raised in Hibbing, Minnesota. She attended the University of Wisconsin for two years where she majored in dance, and then transferred to the University of Minnesota where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in recreation and dance. After college, Marsha worked as a physical educational instructor and teacher where she utilized her extensive college training. Marsha married Michael, whom she met in Washington D.C., in 1968, and they moved to Los Angeles in 1969. Aside from her most treasured role as mother to her children, Marsha was a successful entrepreneur, establishing her own business in the field of advertising and promotional specialties. She was an active and passionate community volunteer and leader. While her children were in high school, Marsha served on and ultimately was the President of the Westlake School for Girls Parents Association in Los Angeles. For over four decades, Marsha also devoted herself to numerous agencies within the Jewish community. She was a life member of Hadassah, and one of the Charter members of the South Valley Group. She held many leadership roles in Hadassah, including serving as President of South Valley Group for two years (1992-1994), long-standing Vice President of Membership for South Valley Group, and long-time advisor to the Doria Group. She also was the long-time Membership Chair for the Northern Areas Resource Center in the San Fernando Valley. Marsha held a variety of leadership positions for the Jewish Federation's Valley Alliance. She became a Lion of Judah and served on the Board until her untimely death. Marsha was also a member of the El Caballero Country Club Women's Auxiliary. Marsha has been recognized by many charitable organizations, and has received several awards, including the Jewish Federation Valley Alliance's Women's Campaign Award and Hadassah's National Leadership Award. In 2005, she was the Jewish Federation Valley Alliance's sole honoree at the Organizations Assembly. With Marsha's passing, we remind ourselves and others that life is to be celebrated and lived to the fullest. Marsha's life will be celebrated with a Memorial Service on Sunday, October 31, 2010 at 1:00pm at Mount Sinai Memorial Park in Simi Valley, 6150 Mt. Sinai Drive, Simi Valley, CA. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to either of the following charities in memory of Marsha: Hadassah, South Valley Group, c/o Sima Schuster, 6300 Newcastle Avenue, Encino, CA, 91316. (Online giving is available at www.hadassah.org. At the bottom of the donation page is an area where you can remember Marsha. In Marsha's memory, please specify funds to the South Valley Group #60-914-429) OR ALS Association - Golden West Chapter, P.O. Box 565, Attention: Elizabeth Bloom, Agoura Hills, CA, 91376



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My deepest sympathy to Mike, Lisa and Karyn on the death of Marsha, whom I first met in 1969 when she moved to Los Angeles. She was a lovely, vibrant person and a very caring wife and mother.

Julie James

November 1, 2010

MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO MIKE AND THE GIRLS. MARSHA WAS A LOVELY CARING PERSON.I MET HER WHEN MY SON STEVE MARRIED SHEILA SAUBER'S DAUGHTER MICHELLE. SHE WAS A GRACIOUS HOSTESS TO FRIENDS OF MINE WHO CAME IN EARLY. SHE MADE A LOVELY DINNER AND MADE US ALL FEEL SO WELCOME.I HAVE LOST THE LOVE OF MY LIFE, MY HUSBAND BRIAN, SO I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH. MARSHA WILL LIVE ON IN OUR MEMORIES.
WITH LOVE, DORIS MONIESON

DORIS MONIESON

October 31, 2010

all my love. You always made sure that family was the most important thing and were the family photographer. You remembered the good old days in Northern Mn.

Janie Newman