

In Memory of . . .

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When Annette and I were inseparable pals in high school and college, we found it uproariously funny to imagine ourselves as two little old ladies, reminiscing about when we were young. We kept on laughing, but as invariably happens, our lives changed as we matured. She became an artist and I pursued work in philanthropy. I married and later had a family – she preferred travel and world adventuring. As we grew into middle age, the early image that had given us such glee became less hilarious. Annette grew ill, and fought a long and brutal battle with cancer. She took a final voyage to Paris with her beloved nephew, and then at 61, she died and left behind those who loved her. She was my best friend for a very long time, and I miss her terribly.



Stephanie Wolf (left) and Annette Zimand (right) 1970

Sadly, the older we get, the more common these stories become. They are stories about people we love and respect, and whose absence is deeply felt. Now there is a place to make a gift in their memory – were they were a loved one, a colleague, a client, or a friend – a gift that will make a difference in our community. You can make a donation in their memory to the Community Memorial Fund at the Solano Community Foundation in any amount, at any time. Every penny of your contribution will result in grants to programs throughout the county that assist our needy neighbors and enrich our community's quality of life. All the names of those remembered through this Fund will be listed on the Foundation's website as an additional tribute to their lives. This is a celebration of lives well lived, and gifts that gladden those who are still here. The donation I made for Annette will help a local arts education program. She would love that and I know that her family will appreciate the gesture of keeping her love of the arts alive. Next year, on her birthday, I'll do it again.

For more information about this fund and contribution opportunities, and specific wording of obituaries and memorial services for such donations, please call the Solano Community Foundation at 707-399-3846. We build community and celebrate life.



Annette Zimand: 1946 – 2007