



Sallie Ferrebee

January 4, 2016

Sarah Lewis Ferrebee died on January 4, 2016. Sarah (known to family and friends as Sallie) was born on June 14, 1947, in Pottsville, PA. After receiving a degree in music from Western College for Women in Ohio, Sallie began her lifetime work as a music educator, choral director, fierce advocate for the arts, and caring and generous mentor to countless students and teachers. She started her teaching career in Bridgeport, CT and came to the West Hartford Public Schools in 1976. Many regional and national organizations recognized Sallie as an outstanding educator. She retired from full-time teaching in 2006 but her commitments to conducting and teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels continued to fulfill her lifelong need to make and share music. Sallie was a co-founder and director of the Connecticut Children's Chorus and a founder of the Sixth Dimension at King Philip Middle School. Making music was her great joy but Sallie had so many interests. Any conversation with Sallie was lively and engaging. She was an inspired cook and baker, a mean puzzle solver and always knew who did it in the mysteries she loved reading. Her cleverly rewritten lyrics to songs were the highlights of many occasions. A party with Sallie was a great party. Sallie is survived by her mother Mrs. Sarah Ferrebee, her brother John Ferrebee III and his wife Kara and nephew John IV and nieces Elizabeth and Anna all of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. A memorial service will be held at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, 814 Asylum Ave. in Hartford on Saturday, January 16, 2016, at 11:00 am. There are no calling hours. Donations in Sallie's honor may be made to

the Gifts of Music program of the West Hartford Public Schools or to the Foundation for West Hartford Public Schools.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Asylum Hill Congregational Church
814 Asylum Ave
Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember her as a music teacher and choir teacher. I remember that I couldn't wait to get in to 4th grade so I could be in chior. It is because of her that I still sing in a choir today.

Molly Holmes-Burgess - January 24, 2016 at 09:32 PM



“ I was completely turned on to music by Ms Ferreebee. It started in Kindergarden - she was playing Mary Poppins in the annual teacher musical production at Morley School. I think it was her first year there. It was the first time I had ever experienced a musical production. I was blown away. I will always think of Ms Ferreebee as the magical, kind-hearted and generally fabulous Mary Poppins!!

Michelle Rudy - January 24, 2016 at 06:48 PM

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“ Ms Ferreebee was one of my all time favorite teachers!! Thoughts and prayers to her family and friends. I am honored to have been able to experience her love of music 💜

Jennifer Bugai - January 24, 2016 at 05:22 PM