



## Cathy MacBurt Hawk

November 3, 1947 - August 21, 2020

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Cathy Mac Burt Hawk, affectionately known as “Toots”, 72, a native of San Francisco and long-time Napa resident, passed away peacefully at her home Friday, August 21, 2020 following a brief bout with cancer.

Cathy was born November 3, 1947, in San Francisco, the daughter of the late John Boyden and Elinor Marie Seemann Burt. She attended local schools until moving with her family to Marin County where the family made their home for many years.

In 1989, on a blind date, Cathy met Charles Lawrence Hawk who then lived in Sacramento. The couple dated and, unwilling to move to Sacramento, the couple met half way and decided to make Napa their home. Cathy and Chuck were married on October 10, 1992 beneath an olive tree on a property they truly loved on Vichy Avenue where they lived for some years. There Cathy made home for the two of them and their beloved yellow Lab “Miss Holly”. Family was important to Cathy and she relished any opportunity to have family in for gatherings—Christmas, Thanksgiving, and especially Easter were very prized celebrations that Cathy enjoyed hosting.

Early on in their relationship, Cathy and Chuck made attending 49ers games a favorite pastime. Initially satisfied by just a simple steak and potato prepared on a small grill, eventually the couple made new friends. Introduced to THE tailgate party hosted by known advertising executive Don Dorward, the couple

became acquainted with a close group of friends who gathered in an area marked by a simple blue chair sat atop a vehicle. The best Bloody Mary's, grilled hot dogs, and an assortment of foods brought to the affair by all the members. Cathy's culinary talents began taking center stage after providing "fill in" duty for a few members' staple offerings—of note was her deviled egg dip, but all enjoyed her soups and chili too!

It wasn't long before there was an event to which Cathy brought an old favorite recipe for a finishing sauce for the barbequed meats. It was so enjoyed by the group that many would exclaim "You should bottle this and sell it!" Before long that's exactly what the couple did. "Cathy's Sassy Sauce" was born and the couple took it to outdoor festivals and fairs throughout the bay area. Known by a logo with a young woman in curlers proclaiming "The sass in the sauce!" Cathy would work the events dressed similarly and of course her hair in huge curlers! The couple had great fun with the business for more than fifteen years.

Cathy was a long-time member of the San Francisco Junior League and attended St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Napa. Plans for a celebration of Cathy's life, likely outdoors—given current restrictions, will be announced soon.

Cathy was preceded in death by her grandparents Edward Seemann and Elanore Marie Gustafson, her parents, and by her beloved companion "Miss Holly" who now waits for her at the rainbow bridge. She is survived by her loving husband Charles L. "Chuck" Hawk; sister Candace (Alec) McCorquodale; two brothers: Jack (Marcy) MacBurt and Dan O'Brien (and his former wife Karen Nordeen); Chuck's children: Debra (William) Cagle, and Charles Robert Hawk; grandchildren (Debra's children): Casey (Jacob) Kilian and their daughter Emma Lyn, and Michael Cagle; and dear friends Kathy and Ted Karavidas. Cathy will be missed too by her beloved Lab "Princess Diana". Chuck and the family would be pleased if memorials were made to the Tony LaRussa Animal Rescue Foundation, 2890 Mitchell Drive, Walnut Creek, California 94598.

Treadway & Wigger Funeral Chapel is serving the family and friends may relay condolences online at [treadwaywigger.com](http://treadwaywigger.com)

# Tribute Wall

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