

Gifted Music School Remembers

Gaye Stucki Platt

March 14, 1952 - October 19, 2020



Gaye Platt with daughters Camie Hodlmair (left) and
Brittany Gardner (right)

Gaye Platt has been a member of the Gifted Music School family since its inception. On Monday, October 19, 2020, she passed away unexpectedly, surrounded by her loving husband and daughters.

As a collaborative pianist for Suzuki string students, Gaye Platt brought sunshine to every performer, every piece of music, every encounter with fellow musicians young and old. She was truly an energetic force for good, living a life of artistry and service. While accompanying young musicians, she elevated their performances with her encouraging kindness. She made every Suzuki student feel like a concert artist and every eager preschool-age sibling feel like a master storyteller. Teachers who led group classes and performances with Mrs. Platt at the piano say that she made them feel more confident in their abilities and valued for their efforts as educators and musicians.

In addition to her extraordinary contributions to the world of music and the arts, Mrs. Platt served as an honorary mother to dozens of fortunate people. She was a prolific baker of rolls and desserts. She truly relished taking care of people -- feeding their bellies and their confidence. She made people feel like they were important to her by remembering details of their lives and family members' names. She held such pride in the accomplishments of her children and grandchildren and showed up to every concert, every recital, every sporting event.

She spent her last evening doing one of her favorite things: throwing a fabulous party! She hosted her annual family Halloween party, complete with costumes, a delicious new dessert, homegrown pumpkins for everyone, as well as smiles, love, and laughter.



Gaye Platt accompanies cello group class with instructors Kelly McConkie Stewart and Brittany Platt Gardner (daughter)



Gaye Platt accompanies cellists Aliya Gardner (granddaughter) and Blake Purser

As the news of Gaye's passing has spread, we have witnessed both a huge outpouring of love for her and grief for her passing. Her dedication to doing good, her joy in living, and her ability to find the positive in every situation have touched the lives of hundreds.

If you would like to share a remembrance of Gaye Platt for her family to enjoy, you may email Meili Bell at mbell@giftedmusicschool.org. Another way to honor our dear friend Gaye is to drink some delicious hot apple cider, go for a walk in the crisp fall air, or bundle up with your loved ones and watch Pollyanna, her favorite movie. Find the good, be the good.