

Florence Gross, 67, Goes Home to Heaven

A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church of San Francisco on March 15 at 2:00 p.m. for Florence Eleanor Gross, who died at home on March 6 after a brief hospitalization.

Florence, a native of Colorado, went to Pacifica, California, with her husband Joseph Gross and young sons Joseph and David in 1963 to work at Alma Heights Christian Academy, where she started the kindergarten program. During the next 40 years, she taught music to countless students from kindergarten to high school, directed school children in patriotic and religious musicals, gave piano lessons, taught World History and Church History, and helped to found Alma Heights Christian Fellowship. She also added five daughters to the Gross family: Rebecca, Rachel, Mary, Joanna and Sarah.

She was a member of Alma Heights Christian Fellowship, where she served as an ordained Deaconess, Sunday School teacher, and pianist for many years. Florence faithfully visited convalescent hospitals both in Pacifica and San Francisco, bringing music and cheer to the patients, often accompanied by her husband, children and grandchildren. Her home was always open to guests, and her hospitality was famous.

She will be missed by the many people she touched during her lifetime, whether family, school children, school parents, or fellow churchgoers. Her absence leaves a deep sense of loss. However, because Florence had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, we are confident that she is in heaven, face to face with God, whom she loved and served.

She is survived by her husband, her seven children and their spouses, and 27 grandchildren. Donations may be made in Florence Gross' name to Alma Heights Christian Academy, 1295 Seville Drive, Pacifica 94044, to support the building of the new Library and Science center that will be named in her honor.