

Joan B. Lee, beloved and admired Advocate for all issues around peace, justice, workers' rights, etc., died peacefully on Saturday, July 26, at the age of 80. Joan was the chairperson of the Sacramento chapter of the Gray Panthers, Legislative Liaison of Gray Panthers California, and a Board member of the National Gray Panthers located in Washington, DC. She was also the local representative of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, the sole senior representative of the California Olmstead Commission, an activist for single-payer healthcare, and a member of many other activist committees. She was well known locally, statewide, and nationally as an articulate voice for peace, improving healthcare, nursing homes, workers' rights, accessible transportation and housing, etc. Most recently, she was a tireless advocate in the fight for health care reform, through the passage of SB 840, carried by Senator Sheila Kuehl.

Joan was also a long time active member of the Unitarian Universalist Society in Sacramento where she served in a variety of roles. She earned her degree in Gerontology in her 50's, and in addition to becoming an activist, she was an artist, musician/cellist, poet, single mother, housewife, and professional working woman.

Joan is survived by her husband and co-Advocate, Arnie Godmintz, and by her three children, John Lee and wife Debbie and their son Anthony; Cathy and her daughters Calliope, Amethyst and Eleanor; and David and wife Linda, and their daughter Patricia. She was predeceased by her son Michael.



Joan B. Lee
October 16 1927 - July 26 2008

REMEMBRANCES

Walking on a spring afternoon
to oak tree not yet spring leaved above
your bones...

Can I give you this day
just once again?
The sun so warm - blooms cloud thick—
Spring is for rebirth
Can you live again - at least this one
more day?

No, it is I who must live on to witness
gentle green, fragrant white, shouting
yellow
and I who go on to make another day of
love for others,
knowing of the shortness of springs.

For you, I weave a garland of dandelions
and encircle the oak.
You know I was here this day
You trust me to remember
In taking love to another on this day of
new life.

-Joan B. Lee

Order of Service Joan B. Lee Memorial

Friday, August 15, 2008
11:00 a.m.

Music for Gathering: Mary Blanchette, Judy
Waegell and Erika Kraft

Opening: Rev. Doug Kraft

Meditation/Music

Sharing: Arnie Godmintz

Song: *Come Sing a Song with Me*

Sharing:

Margie Metzler, Gray Panthers
State Senator Darrell Steinberg
Assemblymember Dave Jones

Song: *This Little Light of Mine*
Rev. Charles Cooper

Sharing:

Betty Perry, Older Women's League
Marty Omoto, California Disability
Community Action Network
Bill Powers, California Alliance of
Retired Americans

Closing: Rev. Charles Cooper

Refreshments

Open Mike

Photo/slideshow displays of Joan's life