Celebrating the Life of

STEPHANIE JO BYRAM

March 14, 1963 — June 9, 2001

Reflection has been my salvation.
I now live with emotional intensity, full of spirit and hope.

What is in my future? Love, laughter, gardens, family, friends, spirituality, travel...more of what I love in life. I surround myself with positivity, gentleness, challenge, and hope. I be, I am, until I pass, as we all shall.

Stephanie J. Byram

The Rev. Dr. David Herndon, Minister
The Rev. Renee Waun, Minister
First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh
605 Morewood Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15213
**STEPHANIE JO BYRAM**

Sunday June 17, 2001, 4:00 pm

NOTHING GOLD CAN STAY  
by Robert Frost

Nature’s first green is gold,  
Her hardest hue to hold.  
Her early leaf’s a flower;  
But only so an hour.  
Then leaf subsides to leaf.  
So Eden sank to grief,  
So dawn goes down to day.  
Nothing gold can stay.

WELCOMING MUSIC: The Mask and Mirror, Loreena McKennitt.

PRELUDE: First Contrapunctus, Art of Fugue, Bach; David Petrou, piano

WELCOME

CHALICE & UNITY CANDLE LIGHTING

Parents, Michel and Barbara Byram, light the chalice. Husband, Garth Gibson, lights the unity candle of their June 18, 1999, wedding. The accompanying music, Calling All Angels, by Jan Siberry with K.D. Lang, was requested by Stephanie.

READINGS

Barbara Byram reads Anne Morrow Lindbergh  
Mary Gibson reads Albert Schweitzer  
Michel Byram reads Chief Dan George

MUSIC: Niobe, Benjamin Britten; Marianne Gedigian, flute

REFLECTION
SILENCE

TRIBUTES: Garth Gibson, Mark Holland, Baruch Fischhoff

MUSIC: Aria, Goldberg Variations, Bach; David Petrou, piano

EULOGY: The Rev. Dr. David Herndon, Minister

HYMN: Come, Sing a Song with Me (#346)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Kokopeli, Katherine Hoover; Marianne Gedigian, flute

          wild. RICH. wide. deep. firm. rare. female.

          — SARK

The Byram and Gibson families invite you to a reception immediately following the service in the Schweitzer room and Undercroft Gallery. Refreshments will be available in the gallery. Beginning a few minutes after the service, the Stephanie Project’s 30 minute video, “Stephanie,” will be played twice in the Sanctuary. The Byram and Gibson families invite you to circulate among these rooms.

Memorial donation checks marked “In memory of Stephanie J. Byram” may be sent to the cause on whose behalf Stephanie raced many miles in so many cities: The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas TX 75265-0309.

Medical science tells us that one in nine women will come face to face with breast cancer. The Stephanie Project, one woman’s experience living with cancer, is one resource for these women and their families. Please visit http://thestephanieproject.org on the internet. As one anonymous reviewer said, the Stephanie Project shows one way to “reconstruct your life, not your breasts.”
A Seuss-ism

Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn’t before!
“Maybe Christmas,” he thought, “doesn’t come from a store.
Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!”

— Theodor Geisel, Dr. Seuss

The Byram and Gibson families wish to thank M.R. Kelsey for graciously organizing this reception and all the caring people who contributed food for our guests’ refreshment. For the beautiful flowers we wish to thank Jennifer Lerner and the members of the Social and Decision Sciences department at CMU and Bill Courtright, Denise Herrick and the employees of Panason Inc. Special thanks go to Charlee Brodsky and Mary Rawson, Stephanie’s partners in The Stephanie Project, for loaning still and moving image artwork for your viewing.