

HAGAN, STACY LYNN

Age 36, Marine Research Scientist at Rutgers University Marine Field Station (RUMFS) for the past 17 years, died Thursday, December 20, 2007, at Atlantic City Medical Center, Pomona, NJ. Stacy grew up in Blue Anchor, NJ, where she was an avid softball player. She received an academic scholarship to Stockton where she met her husband Roland during freshman orientation. Stacy was an active member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. Graduating in 1992, she began at RUMFS with a Degree in Marine Science. In 1993, she moved to Oregon to pursue Salmon Research, returning to RUMFS for her Graduate Degree while working full-time as a field technician. Receiving her Masters Degree from Rutgers University in 1999, she has continued to publish her research on marsh ecosystem production with her mentor Dr. Ken Able.

Having taken up the practice of Tai Chi to reduce the stresses of Graduate school, Stacy later became an instructor with a following of her fellow students after her Sensei's retirement. Stacy had a fervent attraction to the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival in Hillsdale, NY, where she exposed her children to an alternative lifestyle that passes no judgements and thrives on creative giving of oneself through Music and Dance. Stacy not only nurtured a love of visual and performing arts in her children, but also expressed quite a talent of her own. Her creative costumes included th likes of baby spider and 'momma' web, brother fish, a tailored Mary Poppins & Annie, forest fawn, and most recently the hundreds of hand crafted feathers sewn onto a red sweat suit for a one-of-a-kind red macaw costume. Even more impressive for their crowd-pleasing capabilities were the extravagant hand-crafted birthday parties. The most simple in nature began with a pony, soon to be followed by a sibling celebrated Alice-in Wonderland party with flamingo croquet and four foot tall cards in position. Each party continued to outdo the other with Pirates, live music at a children's Folk Festival and D'wagon boats at this past year's Chinese birthday party for the year of the pig (live piglet present included!)

Originally diagnosed with Breast Cancer in 2003, Stacy created an informational diary of her ongoing trials at <http://www.caringbridge.org/nj/stacyhagan/>. Here she was able to diffuse the emotional stress created through treatment, as well as collect heart warming thoughts from those supporting her.

Stacy has been a member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Jersey Shore since February of 2004, having been chair of the Children's religious education committee during this time. The group of open minded members allowed her to explore a spiritual world she desired to better understand.

Survived by loving family, husband Roland Hagan, Jr. son Rutger Roland, and daughter Ryland Delancy of West Creek, NJ, parents Edward and Doris Moore of Blue Anchor, NJ, sister Sheryl, brother-in law Greg and nephew Trevin DelGozzo of Hammonton, NJ.

Honoring Stacy's wishes, flowers are to stay in the ground and donations are to be made to enable others to grow; an annual internship at RUMFS for Future Marine Scientists has been established in Stacy's memory. Friends and family may make gifts to the StocktonCollege Foundation, 'In Memory of Stacy Moore Hagan'. Gifts may be written to the Stockton College Foundation, in the memo please write 'In Memory of Stacy Moore Hagan' and mailed to Stockton College, PO Box 195, Jim Leeds Road, Suite K-203, Pomona, NJ 08240

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