

# Family, Friends and Colleagues announce the

## *Marcia McEntyre Zoffuto Memorial Music Scholarship*

**Marcia McEntyre Zoffuto**, a very loving and caring mother, daughter, sister, teacher and friend, passed away Sunday, August 17, at Medical City Hospital in Dallas. She was born on July 25, 1949, in San Antonio, Texas, grew up in Odessa, Texas, and graduated from high school in 1967. Marcia became a three-year Texas All-State flutist and performed in her father's legendary Permian High School Band and Orchestra. In 1968, as a flute student of Dr. Gary Garner at West Texas State University, she was a winner in the Amarillo Symphony Young Artists competition. The following summer she was chosen Miss West Texas in the Odessa pageant and went on the next year to win the talent category and was named a finalist in the Miss Texas Pageant in Fort Worth, Texas. She earned a bachelor of music education degree from West Texas State University in 1972 and while there, under Dr. Garner's direction, she performed as a featured soloist on tour with the WTSU Band. She also completed graduate course work at the University of Kansas and Fort Hays State University.

Mrs. Zoffuto, an exceptionally talented musician and teacher served from 1988 to 1997 as band director at McCullough Middle School in Highland Park, Texas; as beginning band teacher in several Richardson, Texas, schools; as assistant band director at Lake Highlands Junior High School and Westwood Junior High School in Richardson, Texas; and in 1995 Marcia became the band director for Sam Houston Middle School in Garland, Texas. In 1998, Marcia began her outstanding work with the Coyle Middle School Band in Rowlett, Texas.

Marcia's musical philosophy always exhibited inclusion—every student had a place in her band. She believed in maximizing the numbers of students in her performing ensemble. Coyle Band students were encouraged from day one to develop individual skills on the rudiments of music. Understanding rhythm was very fundamental in the program and daily drills to develop total rhythmic recognition were rigorous. Marcia had great instinctive tonal concepts and instilled them in her students. Although technique and individual facility were always very important, she viewed ensemble flexibility

and the correct musical intent as the main goal in her ensemble's performance. Promoting critical watching and thinking skills to her students always led to the student's understanding of the conductor's musical intent. This musical intent might be slightly different in each rehearsal and performance which made playing in her ensembles meaningful as well as great fun.



The Coyle Middle School Band under her direction received many honors, including consistent UIL Sweepstakes and "Best in Class" awards at various festivals. The Coyle Band won the Class CC State Honor Band competition in 2002, and in 2006 won the Class CCC State Honor Band competition. As a result both bands performed at the Texas Music Educators Convention each time. The band was invited to perform at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, Illinois; the Western International Band Clinic in Seattle, Washington; and in 2008 the Coyle Band was the only middle school asked to perform at the BOA Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana. In March of 2008, in Miami, Florida, Marcia was given the signal honor of being elected and invited into the membership of The American Bandmasters

Association. On May 10, 2008, at Bass Hall in Fort Worth, Marcia was awarded the prestigious Bayard H. Friedman Hero Award for being the most outstanding Band Teacher in North Texas.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, August 20, 2008, at the First Methodist Church in Rowlett, Texas, with a graveside service at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa, Texas, on August 21, 2008. Marcia is survived by her parents, J. R. and Evelyn McEntyre of Odessa; her sister and brother-in-law, Janis Ann and Doug Naae, of Sugar Land, Texas; her children Kristen and James Sharp of Chicago, Illinois, Anne Marie Zoffuto of Canyon, Texas, Megan Zoffuto, of San Antonio, and Mac Zoffuto of Dallas; and two grandsons, Hudson Sharp and Isaac Sharp; two nieces, Rachel Maneli and Sarah Maneli; two nephews, John Riley McEntyre and Ethan McEntyre. Marcia was preceded in death by her brother David Wayne McEntyre, and her brother John Howard McEntyre.

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