

Maria Teresa DiNorcia Allo was born in Newark, New Jersey, to Dr. Joseph and Livia DiNorica, and died on November 9, 2023. She moved to Los Altos, California, in 1988.



She was the 1964 valedictorian of Barringer High School in Newark, New Jersey. Maria went on to graduate with honors from Smith College and Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where she received a Master's Degree. Her studies continued at the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia and the University of Michigan Medical School, where she earned her M.D. with a specialization in surgery. Throughout her career, she taught, conducted research, and led surgery at prominent medical centers in Michigan, Colorado, Maryland, and California, including Johns Hopkins, Stanford, and Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose. Additionally, Maria pursued another degree in architecture and interior design, applying her skills to optimize operating room layouts.

Maria was a unique individual who embraced life to the fullest. Her extensive travels allowed her not only to savor new destinations, but also to enjoy the company of her travel companions and the people she encountered. A talented photographer, she cherished the beauty of nature, both at home and in foreign locales. Engaging in writing, Maria joined a group to craft creative stories and poetry. To aid her patients in post-surgery healing, she became a certified Pilates instructor. Maria's passion for music led her to play the piano and sing in various choirs, from her church choir to the San Jose Symphonic Choir. She held season tickets for the San Francisco Symphony and the San Francisco Opera for over thirty years.

Above all, Maria dedicated her life to the Christian ideal of serving others and believed in treating all individuals with respect and dignity. She volunteered for Doctors Without Borders, sharing surgical techniques and providing care in underserved countries such as Nepal and Madagascar. Her extensive philanthropy for several charities was known only to those closest to her. An active church volunteer, she also hosted a weekly Bible study session in her home. She was an inspiration to those who knew her.

Maria is survived by her husband, WD (Will) Andrews, their two cats, and her sisters: Joan (Jo-Lee) Davenport, Adrienne Thomas (Mrs. James Thomas), and Laura Romano (Mrs. Anthony Romano). She was the beloved aunt of thirty nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass will be held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at Saint Simon Church, 1860 Grant Rd, Los Altos, CA 94024. Doors will open to greet guests at 10:00 AM. This service will also be live-streamed. (10:30 Pacific, 1:30 Eastern).

If you would like to continue Maria's legacy of giving, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Doctors Without Borders or the charity of your preference.