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Following Casey's untimely death in an automobile accident, only two months after her wedding, a Mount Holyoke memorial scholarship was established in her honor. Casey is fondly and vividly remembered to this day by several classmates:

"What wonderful memories of Casey! It was great the way she would just sit at the piano and accompany lots of singing or make up ditties of her own. There was always lots of joy and laughter and music," recalls Marian Strong Moore. "I was part of her HP group and loved her. I remember her music, her songs, and her infectious laughter. I remember her caring for others and her loyalty to friends. Casey was genuine and added immeasurably to my positive memories of MHC."

And Liz Hottel Barrett "loved playing piano duets with Casey Stengel, especially our show-stopper 'Que Vive.' It always drew people around the piano and ended with applause. She brought a lot of joy to me and the dorm. I still miss her."

Kim Kimball Holmquist's memories of Mount Holyoke "are completely intertwined with memories of Casey, who added so much to my years there. We met in the choir freshman year and became good friends from then on. She always stood next to me in choir so she could give me the pitch for my solos and did I ever need her there! (How envious I was of her perfect pitch ability!) I remember the many concerts we gave together. I remember laughing a lot, as she had such a great sense of humor. And I remember sitting on the back stairs in N. Mandelle, crying on her shoulder as she gave me advice and comfort when I was upset about something.

But most of all, I remember the joy she brought us all in those terrific singalongs that we had in the dorm around the piano. I remember her lovely wedding (I still have the green velvet bridesmaid gown - one of the few I ever wore again!) and how happy we all were when she found a wonderful man to marry. And I remember the terrible pain of learning of her untimely death in that tragic automobile accident. Hardly a day goes by that I don't mourn her loss and miss her. So now I imagine her in heaven, organizing group sings for the angels!"

