

## Roberta Koop Pappas

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We vividly remember the lovely, vibrant and engaging Bobbi at our 45th reunion in 2006. She was diagnosed with a recurrence of melanoma the next summer which progressed all too quickly. Barbara Hartt Hise, Bobbi's MHC roommate for two years, wrote: "Sarah Stearns Gipson, Dottie Mann Smith and I spent a weekend visiting Bobbi at her home in Carefree, Arizona in mid-August of 2007. At that time she was very frail, but hopeful.

She was in her 15th year as the managing director for the Arizona MusicFest, a successful concert and music program in the nearby desert foothills. In her honor, the MusicFest established the 'Roberta Pappas Memorial Scholarship Fund'. Linda Cowlich Norton and her husband, living in Gold Canyon, Arizona, wrote of their ten-year friendship with Bobbi and husband Jim as couples - enjoying meals, concerts, golf, and dog-walking together. "Conversations with Roberta were always intelligent and unexpected. Her passions included her beloved black labs, playing the piano and her family." Bobbi had two sons, Brian and Dennis Leary and two stepsons, Jeffrey and Judson Pappas.