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709 IN MEMORIAM

ARCHIBALD- In loving memory of our son Rick who passed away Dec. 29, 1999
*A silent thought, a secret tear
A constant wish that you were here
There isn't a day that goes by
That we don't think of him.
A special person, a special face.
Gone forever from this place. But in our hearts he will always stay.
Loved and missed so much by Mom & Dad*

ARCHIBALD, MARGARET ANNE In loving memory of a dear Grandma 1940 to 1996
*Dearest grandmother you are sleeping,
Free from sorrow, free from pain,
Still your memory, shall be cherished,
Till in Heaven we meet again.
A loving grandmother, true and kind,
A beautiful memory left behind.
Love always your Granddaughter Laurie and family.*

ARCHIBALD, MARGARET ANNE In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother 1940-1996
*The best of mothers and grandmothers she has been,
And many troubles she has seen,
But she always kept a smiling face,
There's none on earth can fill her place.
Loved and sadly missed by your son and family John, Matt and Lindsey*

ARCHIBALD, MARGARET ANNE In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother 1940-1996
*The years of moms life were numbered
When the messenger whispered low
"The Master has come and called for thee,"
Mom answered "I am ready to go."
Remembered, sadly missed and loved by your son and family Ron, Leslie, Brannan, Nick and Melissa*

709 IN MEMORIAM

ARCHIBALD, MARGARET ANNE In memory of a loving mother who was taken from us December 28, 1996.

*He only takes the best
God saw you getting tired,
When a cure was not to be,
So he closed his arms around you,
And he whispered "Come to me"
You did not deserve
What you went through,
And so he gave you rest,
God's garden must be beautiful
For he only takes the best.
When we saw you sinking and
Watched you fade away
Our hearts were almost broken,
You fought so hard to stay.
But when we saw you sleeping,
So peacefully from pain
We could not wish you back
To suffer again.
If you had spoken before you died
These are the words
You would have replied,
"Weep not for me but courage take,
And love one another for my sake".
Sadly missed love always Your daughter and family, Jacquie, Marvin, Nicole and Chris*

710 CARDS OF THANKS

O MOST BEAUTIFUL Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (*Make request*). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (*3 times*). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (*3 times*). B52

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Opera singer knew the dramatic touch

By Bill Rea

Maria Callas's career was short, as was her life, but she made a lasting impact on the world of opera with her versatile voice and skills as a performer.

King City resident Prof. Igor Babchine outlined the story of her talent and career recently, delivering one of the lectures in Arts Festival King.

Calles, who lived from 1923 until 1977, is remembered as the best soprano of the 20th century, although Babchine indicated her range was broader than that might suggest.

One Italian critic once referred to her as "a star that wandered into a solar system not of her own."

Calles was born in New York City in December 1923, although her exact birth date isn't known, and no one can say for sure why that is. She celebrated her birthday Dec. 2, her mother said it was Dec. 4 and her passport said it was Dec. 3. Babchine thought it had something to do with the fact she had an older brother who died in Greece before she was born. He said her parents were hoping for another son, and it was such a "huge disappointment" when she turned out to be a girl that her mother probably neglected to register the birth.

Babchine said Maria's father had been a successful owner of a pharmacy in Greece, while her mother was from a wealthy family. Her mother had been one of seven children, very energetic and charismatic, who like to be on stage.

Callas took music lessons from about 1930 until 1937, while the impacts of the Depression were being felt by the family. Her father was forced to sell his pharmacy and become a travelling salesman. As well, her parents' marriage hit the rocks, as there were disputes about money.

Her mother took her two daughters back to Greece, and tried to find training for Maria. Maria Trivella, of the Greek National Conservatoire, was so impressed that she agreed to train her without charge.

Babchine said young Maria didn't always make the most positive impressions in those days. He said she was about five feet eight, and a little clumsy, dressed poorly and bit her nails. But when she sang, she put forth

raw emotion and drama.

Callas was stuck in Athens during the Second World War, but she still continued to study under Trivella, who became a life-long mentor for her. Despite the war, she still received vocal training, and managed to extend her range, which had been limited when she started. "This progressed at a rate that was incredible," Babchine commented.

Callas graduated from the school in 1945, and Trivella advised her to leave Greece, telling her it was a place to end a career, not start one. Callas opted for New York, although she learned her fame in Greece didn't travel well across the Atlantic.

Babchine said she wasn't able to secure her first engagement until 1947, and it was another five months before her second. But her talent slowly became well known, as Babchine pointed to her ability to give "all the right profile to the characters."

Although she was naturally a soprano, she was able to colour her voice to contralto, depending on her part, but the listeners always knew it was her.

"She was always finding those specific colours that she thought would be best," Babchine said, adding her practice included studying the music to determine how best to colour her voice. Her range always allowed her to master the technical and artistic demands.

She also benefitted from a great memory, meaning she was able to take on roles sometimes with five days notice and one dress rehearsal. Yet she also had anxieties. Babchine said Callas couldn't enjoy what she had accomplished because she was constantly thinking back to her performance and realizing all she could have done to make it better.

Callas's voice was a huge controversy from the start of her career, Babchine observed, because it broke a lot of traditions.

"That was the voice she was born with," he said, "and that she could not change."

He added she put a lot of effort into perfecting what she could, including her technique, and working with her artistic intuitions, which never really failed her, and dramatic ability.

"The voice of the century, she was justly called."

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