



## Maureen P. Hood

June 27, 1942 - June 26, 2017

Albany-Maureen Patrice Hood, age 74 of Albany passed away suddenly on June 26, 2017. Born in Brooklyn she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Elizabeth Whelan Hood. She received her B.A. and M.A. at the College of St. Rose and went on to become a beloved English Professor at Hudson Valley Community College where she taught for the last 50 years. Maureen was a born teacher. She was a recognized expert in English Literature but taught many different classes including a class on Mystery Novels that she developed to share her own passion for reading mysteries. She had a gift for making learning fun and cared deeply about her students. Both her students and colleagues regarded her as simply the best teacher they ever knew and this was formally recognized with SUNY's highest honor, the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Maureen had a deep interest and curiosity about the world and her many hobbies included reading, theater, history and travel. She was a world traveler and particularly enjoyed traveling with family and friends. She was proud of her Irish and Scottish heritage and traveled to Ireland yearly to visit with cousins. Maureen volunteered for WMHT's RISE Reading Service for the blind and print disabled. She also loved animals, especially cats. Above all, Maureen enjoyed sharing meals with friends and family, catching up on news and engaging all with her storytelling. She is survived by her brother Andrew (Virginia) Hood; nephews and nieces, Andrew (Mariana) Hood, Teresa Hood, Dennis (Cindy) Hood, James (Theresa) Hood, and Robert (Tracy) Hood; several grand nephews and nieces and many cousins.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Maureen's family Sunday, July 2, 2017 4:00 to 7:00 pm in McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY

Funeral services Monday, July 3, 2017 at 8:15 am from McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to All Saints Catholic Church, Albany at 9:00 am where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately

following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a message for the family, light a candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit <http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation Maureen P. Hood Memorial Scholarship fund. Donations can be sent to the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation, 80 Vandenberg Avenue, Troy, NY 12180 or made online at <http://www.hvcc.edu/giving>

# Cemetery

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**St. Agnes Cemetery**

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY,

# Events

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**JUL 2**   **Visitation**   04:00PM - 07:00PM

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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St, Albany, NY, US, 12206

**JUL 3**   **Service**   09:00AM

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All Saints Catholic Church  
16 Homestead St., Albany, NY, US, 12203

# Comments

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“ I was in two of her English classes, in 2000, and her class was so much fun. I remember her expression, "Put your epiphany helmets on". I am so sad to hear of her passing away. She is unforgettable! May she rest in peace, wherever she is. Ameen.

Yavar Qadri

Yavar Qadri - August 20, 2020 at 09:38 PM

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“ I went to college at RPI with Maureen's nephew Dennis. Maureen would often take myself and Dennis out to dinner - especially during freshman year when she our only choice was campus dining hall food. "Dinner" was not pizza or subs - I distinctly remember going out for a prime rib dinner once. That was Maureen Hood - really, really warm and sharing, always interested, there with helpful advice if you wanted it.

Ken Johnson - July 02, 2017 at 10:07 AM

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“ The legacy a teacher leaves behind is not only to her students but to those colleagues who have learned from her. I am one of them.

There were days when I had my own classes next to hers. I would hear her with her students. It was wonderful! How I wanted to be in her class. I never took the chance though, and let's face it, the classes were always full. But there were the times I could eavesdrop and I did. My daughter was the lucky one; she was one of her students and she loved her class.

Maureen, I will miss your generous spirit and wonderful stories.

With fond memories and a thankful heart for what I learned about the love of teaching from you,  
Sally McLaughlin Bauer

Sally Bauer - June 30, 2017 at 09:01 PM

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“ Mary Femia lit a candle in memory of Maureen P. Hood



**Mary Femia** - June 30, 2017 at 11:30 AM

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“ Maureen really WAS the best teacher I ever had. I went to HVCC 35 years ago and still remember some of the short stories I read in her class and the many lessons I learned from them and from her. 'Paul's Case' was a favorite story covered in her class, and I remember another story's lesson - that creation is a form of destruction and destruction is a form of creation - really challenged my young brain. It took me a while to wrap my head around that concept but it's stayed with me all these years. I often think of 'Miss Hood' and the class I took with her and enjoyed so very much. Happy trails, Miss Hood. Thank you for your presence in my life!  
Tracey Martin

**Tracey Martin** - June 30, 2017 at 10:36 AM

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“ Article posted in HVCC Campus Chronicle:

Maureen P. Hood

One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings.

~Carl Jung

It is with great sadness that we pause to reflect on Maureen P. Hood~~colleague, teacher, mentor and friend. From 1967 through 2016, she served on the English faculty at HVCC, creating a legacy that has affected individuals and our community in ways too numerous and significant to be described adequately.

Those of us who had the good fortune to know Maureen at Hudson Valley can surely recall walking through the halls hearing her teaching Shakespeare, delighting students with her portrayals of characters in short stories, encouraging students in Public Speaking or just being the charismatic, enthusiastic, compassionate teacher we came to admire. Certainly, the thousands of students she taught over the years have been well served by the truly great Professor Maureen Hood.

Maureen's influence, however, was not limited to students. She worked tirelessly for her department, for the faculty and for the college community. No task was too small or, for that matter, too large for Maureen to give entirely of herself to accomplish to the best of her ability. It was not unusual to see her in the halls or in the Campus Center rallying others to benefit students or the college.

Some may think the foundation of an institution is simply the ground on which it stands. Those who maintain such a position have surely not witnessed life at Hudson Valley Community College. Its foundation is based on professors like Maureen Hood who inspire students, motivate colleagues, and model for all a spirit of excellence and dedication that will continue forever. It is no accident that Maureen Hood was a Chancellor Award recipient. She represents the highest standard in teaching excellence. We are all better for her example.

Those of us fortunate enough to call Maureen friend suffer a great loss. Having known Maureen throughout my entire career at the college and over the years since retirement, I, like many, can say I am better because she was my friend.

Surely, Maureen is the subject of Carl Jung's quote. She was, indeed, a brilliant teacher, but she stands out for how and how often she touched our human feelings.

Written by Vivian A. Tortorici  
Professor Emeritus and Retired Dean



“ Well said, Vivian. My condolences.

**Megeen Mulholland** - July 01, 2017 at 12:42 PM



“ I was fortunate to have been a student of Ms. Hood's between 1987 and 1988. She was a ball of energy, witty, kind and so brilliant. I can't think of a teacher who had a greater impact on me than Ms. Hood. She was one of a kind and irreplaceable. My sincere condolences to her family and many loved ones.

**Christine Ammon** - July 01, 2017 at 10:42 PM



“ Beautifully written, Vivian. Rest in peace, Maureen.

**Anne L. Dearing** - July 09, 2017 at 04:59 AM