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## Mimi Burbank

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Mimi Burbank and I met during one of my early  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  User Group conferences in the mid-1980s. We even shared a room at Stanford during that TUG conference and served on the Board of Directors together. We became instant friends as we were both engaged in our careers working for scientific laboratories or university departments. During my ten years as a TUG member, Mimi was always enjoyable to be with, encouraged me to give my best to the Group, and to step outside of my comfort zone. After my departure from TUG as my career moved from the use of  $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  to other desktop publishing software, Mimi and I stayed in touch. As the years slipped away, though, we lost track of each other.

Yet, Mimi was doing a Google search one day and found one of my old TUG conference proceedings papers. She emailed me; we talked for a while on the phone and got caught up on our life stories. That was not too long ago when she was working on a TUG conference proceedings.

My fondest memories of Mimi were that she always had a great smile and funny laugh and her penchant for giving to and serving the  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  User Group. She advocated the use of  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  even in her semi-retirement years. Mimi was a wonderful person that will be truly missed.

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