

In Loving Memory ♥ Michelle Docherty

May 23, 1961 ~ December 17, 2011



After a courageous multi-year fight with cancer, Michelle Docherty of Tempe passed away December 17, 2011. Michelle was born May 23, 1961, a Jersey girl, born-and-bred. She and her husband, BillyD, moved to Arizona in 1981, riding out on the 1960 pan chop Billy built. Michelle is survived by her husband and their two adult children Amy (Todd) Hart and young Bill.

Michelle and BillyD were active and well-known in the motorcycling community, with Billy once serving as Salt River District Manager of the MMA. They never saw a party they didn't like, and they hosted a good many in their Tempe home.



A heavily-attended memorial service was held at the Church of the Resurrection in Tempe on January 7, 2012. Led by BillyD on that same pan chop, a number of mourners rode loud and proud from the Docherty home to the church. She would have enjoyed that.

Should anyone wish, memorial donations can be made to Hospice of the Valley in Michelle's name.

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid out for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call.
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that place at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*