

THE INKWELL

By Lynn Berry

Like music, poetry unearths universal relationships that pierce through man-made borders and remain relevant over the course of time. One of the greatest examples of the timeless quality of poetry is the work of Sappho, who is not only one of the only female poets known from antiquity, but is also widely regarded as the greatest lyric poets. Most of Sappho's work has been preserved in pieces of several poems that were written on ancient papyri over 2,600 years ago, discovered by archeologists in 1898 and in 1914. Sappho's fame as a poet lies in the urgent and intimate tone of her poems, whose simple and direct language describing the longing of love have transcended time and distance to continue to captivate readers around the world, almost three millennia after her death.

Four Fragments
Sappho (c.612 B.C.-unknown)
Translated by Mary Barnard

12
It's no use

Mother dear, I
can't finish my
weaving
You may
blame Aphrodite

soft as she is

she has almost
killed me with
love for that boy

39
He is more than a hero

He is a god in my eyes---
the man who is allowed
to sit beside you-he

who listens intimately
to the sweet murmur of
your voice, the enticing

laughter that makes my own
heart beat fast. If I meet you
suddenly, I can't speak-my tongue is broken;
a thin flame runs under
my skin, seeing nothing

hearing only my own ears
drumming, I drip with sweat,
trembling shakes my body

and I turn paler than
dry grass. At such times
death isn't far from me

44
Without warning

As a whirlwind
swoops on an oak
Love shakes my heart

53
With his venom

Irresistible
and bittersweet

that loosener
of limbs, Love

reptile-like
strikes me down

----- Sappho (c.612 B.C.-unknown)

---Writer's Idea: Write a love poem to someone in your life.
---Writer's Tip: Paint a picture with words. Add passion to your poems by using strong verbs and adjectives that illustrate and create action in your art.
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Write--Express--Expand.

Lynn Berry holds an M.A. in English, specializing in feminist literature and literary criticism. She has spent several years teaching Literature, Composition, Poetry, Creative Writing, and Critical Thinking at various school districts and colleges, and occasionally provides writing workshops.

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Marie L. Wilson, of the family home in Forest Grove, OR; his daughter and son-in-law, Malin Leigh-Ann Wilson Campbell and Roger Campbell, of Forest Grove, OR and his brother and sister-in-law, Gene Bob and Wanda Wilson, of Pottsboro, TX.

Also surviving are his three grandchildren, Jaylin Wilson, Laci Marie Campbell and Cory Campbell and numerous nieces and nephews.

To sign the online guest book or to send a condolence to the family go to www.fuitenrosehoyt.com.

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove is in charge of the arrangements. (503)-357-2161



Kenneth Phillip Moore

Kenneth Phillip Moore, a resident of Lake Oswego, died at his home on May 29, 2012.

Kenneth Moore was born in Glendale, OR on August 20, 1925. He attended Fall River Union High School in Macarthur, CA.

Kenneth enlisted at 17 in the Army Air Corp and received an Honorable Discharge in 1945.

Kenneth married Dorothy Joy Herbranson on April 25, 1947 in Eugene, OR

Kenneth Phillip Moore



graduated from the University of Oregon with a Masters in Education in 1953. He worked as a teacher for 32 years, mostly teaching grades 5 and

6 and retired from the Eugene School District 4J.

His hobbies included hunting, fishing, water and snow skiing, crabbing, clamming, tinkering, camping and wine making. He also enjoyed traveling by motor home and ocean cruises.

He was preceded in death by his

wife Dorothy in January of 2011.

He is survived by son and daughter-in-law Daniel and Becky Moore of Eugene, OR; daughter and son-in-law Susan and Brad Foster of Lake Oswego, OR; sister Dorothy Whelan of Leesburg, VA.; brother Lewis

(Jack) Moore of Eugene, OR; and sister Barbara Gibbs of Clovis, CA., as well as five grandchildren.

The family suggests donations in Kenneth's name to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS).

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