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SACRIFICE AND LOVE

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SUNSET HOUSE

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Together Jane and Bernadine
WEATHERED the Great Depression...

...raced each other around the ice rink at Willy's Park, survived their parents' divorce, celebrated a succession of good jobs, and mourned their mother's death numerous joys and disappointments, but always together.



Sacrifices were made by both; choices that neither sister is bitter about.

Jane didn't linger long on the dream of being married with a family. She wouldn't leave either her mother or sister to fend for themselves.

Bernadine had to forego voice lessons and the chance to tour with a female quartet. There just wasn't enough money and she was needed to help Mother.

They had lived together all their lives... 83 YEARS.



In 2004, declining health separated the sisters for the first time. Bernadine had contracted pneumonia and was in a wheelchair. Their apartment was not handicap accessible, so Bernadine was moved to a nursing home. Jane spent every day with her, but returned home alone.

Finally two nieces, with the help of a long-time lawyer friend, sought out Sunset House for Jane. Through the support of the Life Care Fund, Sunset welcomed her in August of 2005.

Then began the work of reuniting Bernadine with Jane. After 8 months, Bernadine joined the Sunset House family.

Their commitment to one-another has been tireless, but now requires the help of others. Their sense of responsibility to family can now be nurtured by the extended Sunset family.

THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF
BIG-HEARTED DONORS,
TOGETHER JANE AND BERNADINE CAN CALL
SUNSET HOUSE HOME.

They are now able to share entirely new experiences: Jane attended her first Senior Prom and danced the entire night. And while she hasn't taken up the microphone herself, Bernadine is enjoying numerous performances, both vocal and instrumental.

We ask you to please consider a donation to support the more than 20 individuals who will rely on Sunset Retirement Communities for charitable assistance during 2007. Hard working, responsible individuals who have outlived their financial assets and have nowhere else to turn. They don't require nursing home care, so they don't qualify for Medicaid. But they are too frail to live alone. Out in the larger community, they have become too isolated and lonely. They need the assurance that someone who cares is always there for them, day and night.

The vast majority of Sunset residents will never need this type of assistance, but for those who do, your support means the world.

