

# WIDOWSPEAK

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It was nice to talk to someone who was interested in my story. I don't generally like to talk about myself. I've learned something from putting my thoughts into words.

~ Jean Schulz, widow of Charles M. Schulz



Katie Couric Cleopatra Alice Toklas



Joan Didion Yoko Ono Candice Bergen



Xuan Ngoc Nguyen Civil War Widow Dima Iahboub



Lucille Datto "Mama Til" Helen Caletti



Sonia Gandhi Jacqueline Kennedy Coretta Scott King



Agote Grace Isabel Avila Vrindavan Widow



Widow of St. Pierre Widow's Walk World of Malawi

If you are a widow, or you are friends & family of a widow, or are writing a widow's story, you are invited to a...

## WidowSpeak Salon

Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007

2:00-4:00

at the home of Judy Gantz

302 Wilson Road

Sebastopol, CA

Call 823-5310 for reservations

Featured artist,

**Amber Baker**

singer/songwriter/accordionist

There will be music, poetry, prose and tea. Join us as we share stories and create community for widows, locally and around the world.

The most heartbreaking stories came from widows whose husbands had died from HIV-Aids. Many of them were grandmothers in their eighties who had also lost their adult children to the pandemic....and, as a result, were trying to make their very meager resources stretch to cover the needs of their grandchildren. Some of them had 10-15 grandchildren living with them, and the prospect of feeding and educating them was simply overwhelming. Sites like yours may shed some light on issues like these.

~ Paola Gianturco, author, *In Her Hands-Craftswomen Changing the World and Celebrating Women*

Since my new-found, unwanted status of widow my life has taken a turn for the surreal. The way people talk to me, look at me, treat me. As I walked through your web site I found a comfortable place to sit. Something I haven't felt in along time. Reading what others have gone through has made me feel less strange and alone.

~ Judy Trejos, San Diego

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