



Doris Binder Medlin

July 6, 1947 - March 13, 2020

Doris Binder Medlin, 72, passed away Friday, March 13, 2020 in Raleigh, NC after a nearly 4-year battle with cancer.

She was born in Pigeon, MI, to the late Norman Binder and Elizabeth Brug Binder. She is survived by her son, Andy Medlin and his wife, Jolie of Raleigh; her sister, Jan Ottmer and husband Walt of Lynden, WA; and her grandchildren, Connor and Drew Medlin.

Doris grew up working on her parents' farm in Michigan where she developed a life-long gardening hobby. She graduated from Michigan State University, went on to serve in the Peace Corp in Uganda, and moved to North Carolina in the 1970s. She began her career as a school teacher, one that continued until her retirement in 2005, and spent more than 20 years focused on remedial reading at Wake Forest Elementary.

In addition to gardening, she loved her cats, traveling, attending concerts, and enjoying nature.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to safehavenforcats.org where she used to volunteer.

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, the family is holding a small, private graveside service at Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh. They plan to hold a memorial service for friends and family later in the year when conditions allow. If you'd like to be informed of those future plans, email MemorialforDoris@gmail.com.

Comments



“ I am so sorry to find out about Doris's death through the newspaper. I knew she was dealing with cancer but unanswered telephone calls did not help me understand what she has been dealing with these past months and years. I have a wonderful photograph of 4 of us getting ready to raft in West Virginia. I will keep this image as a memory of the way I remember her love of the outdoors as well as our many conversations about our kitty cats. Kenille Baumgardner

Kenille Baumgardner - March 22 at 06:54 PM



“ Hi Kenille. I looked for your contact info but only found an old number. She probably didn't share that her cognitive challenges had increased and one of the first things to go last spring/summer was some of her phone and email skills and the motivation to use them consistently. I know she appreciated your friendship over the years, and I still have fond memories of going to the Christmas Eve parties at your place.

Andy Medlin - March 24 at 07:37 PM



“ The Horton Family - Lee, Barb, Tim, Chris, and Aaron - wish to convey our sympathies to Andy and all of his family. We have fond memories of Doris from those wonderful soccer games and those days at Wake Forest Elementary School. She had a great sense of humor.

Lee and Barb Horton - March 21 at 10:29 PM



“ Thanks y'all. - Andy

Andy Medlin - March 24 at 07:33 PM



“ My condolences to the Medlin's during this time amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. I, too, have lost father on 17MAR2020 and I'm here to say that I cannot say that I know what you're going through as each of us grieve differently however, just know that you're all in my thoughts and prayers as I know that you too have been limited and restricted in the manner in which you can lay Doris to rest and allow others to pay their final respects.

-Cal

Calvin Perkins - March 21 at 08:44 PM



“ Thank you

Andy Medlin - March 24 at 07:33 PM



“ I will always remember Doris” sweet smile. she was so kind and patient teaching our young struggling readers. I always think of her driving Around town with her canoe on top. Rest In Peace dear friend.
Melissa Lloyd

melissa lloyd - March 17 at 10:13 PM



“ Thanks Melissa

Andy Medlin - March 24 at 07:38 PM



“ I heard so much about Doris during my years at Wake Forest Elementary. Her presence was felt long after she retired. I am so sorry for your loss and especially that you were not able to have a proper memorial service. Robin Seavey

Roberta E Seavey - March 31 at 07:59 PM



“ Andy - I'm saying a prayer for you and your family. Condolences from my mother as well. She has fond memories of Doris over the years and always enjoyed her company at ballgames or school events. I'm thinking about you and am sorry to hear this news. - Dan Eberhard

Dan Eberhard - March 17 at 08:43 PM



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Doris was a good neighbor. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Harry and Marie Talley

J. Talley - March 18 at 12:26 PM



“ Doris affected so many lives as a teacher at W.F.Elementary School.Her quiet and polite demeanor served as the good example for all of us.

Bill Fisher

Bill Fisher - March 21 at 06:57 PM



“ Thanks Y'all. Ran through a lot of old photos last week and saw your faces. Good memories.

Andy Medlin - March 24 at 07:39 PM