



Dorothy Ann Clift

January 25, 1949 - September 4, 2019

Dorothy Ann Clift, 70, died on September 4, 2019, at Rex Hospital. She was born in Washington DC on January 25, 1949, daughter of the late Charles and Kathleen Clift.

Dorothy attended Sidwell Friends School in Washington DC, and continued her education at Smith College where she graduated in 1967 with a major in Classical Languages.

She had several jobs in Washington and Annapolis, Maryland including teaching Latin to DC elementary school students. She later worked in public relations for progressive organizations and concluded her work years at the World Bank in Washington.

After being diagnosed with MS, Dorothy retired and moved from her hometown of DC to Raleigh, North Carolina to be near family. Dorothy became involved in OLLI -a lifelong enrichment program at NC State that provides intellectual stimulation and camaraderie for seniors. Dorothy enjoyed writing and considered her writing very personal, a therapy of sorts, used to reflect on experiences, people, and information in her life. A sample of her writing from 2012 offers insight to her personality and can be found at <http://www.seniorcorrespondent.com/authors/dorothy-clift.413165>

Dorothy was a gregarious woman who enjoyed everyone she met. She was a life long horse lover and shared her Raleigh homes with Otis, her cat.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Kathleen; and her sister, Alice Giles of Auburn, NY.

She is survived by her brother, Buzz Clift of Raleigh along with his wife Kathy; nieces, Megan Clift and Carolyn Clift of Raleigh; nephews, John Clift of Columbus, OH and Charles Clift of Raleigh along with his wife, Nancy Walters, and their children, Flora and Oliver.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to NAMI Wake County @ <https://nami->

wake.org/donate/ or to the National MS Society of The Greater Carolinas @
<https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Chapters/NCT/Donate>

Comments



“ Dotty had a huge influence on my life. She made Sidwell come alive for me. Playing hockey and giggling on walks back to your house Buzzie (as she called you). Even though I didn't drive at the time, the Vw rallies in rock creek park were thrilling. What a lovely woman she became. Love you Dotty. Vivien Rubel

Vivien Rubel - September 10 at 04:05 PM



“ Dottie and I attended The Sidwell Friends School in Washington, DC together for 14 years. Always a stable influence in turbulent times.

Christopher Knowles - September 10 at 02:18 PM



“ I knew Dorothy from shortly before we entered the sixth grade, when my piano teacher introduced me to her neighbor kid, “Dotty.” For the next seven years we walked, and eventually drove, to school together. At Sidwell Friends, she was always a leader, whether on the hockey field, in math class or as class cheerleader and mischief maker. Many of us remember the VW Beetle rally, which she and close friend Carla Freeman organized for us one Saturday morning. I cherish the thought of Dorothy and Carla together, bombing around heaven in Dorothy' beige Beetle, giggling away as the radio blasts Otis Redding or the Temptations.

She was a fixture in most of my life, and I will miss her terribly.

Ruth Yackee Handelsman - September 10 at 01:14 PM