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December 12, 1932 - January 7, 2019

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Tallahassee-Bonnie Woodburn, 86, passed away into the loving arms of Jesus on Jan. 7, 2019

A daughter of the late Ruth B. McKinstry and Myron C. McKinstry, she was born in Oxford, MA on Dec. 12, 1932. She was raised in Wilton, NH where she was high school basketball captain, class president and Valedictorian. She attended Rhode Island School of Design and graduated from FAMU and FSU with a Bachelor and Masters of Fine Arts. Bonnie danced several years with Arthur Murray and other celebrities on the Arthur Murray Dance Party television show.

In Tallahassee, she was active in the arts community helping preserve historic architecture. The old Florida State Capital was rescued from demolition through her activist oil paintings. MusArt was the name of her studio. She taught History of Architecture and Interior Design at Western Carolina University. She and Ken were some of the original founders of the Food Co-op.

She is preceded in death by her parents and one son, Kenneth Valiant. She is survived by her loving spouse of 59 years, Kenneth; their children, Kenda and Lance; 6 grandchildren Bill, Jack, Molly, Sam and Weston Woodburn and Rachel Troy; sister, Elizabeth McKinstry; sister-in-law, Ruth Wilson and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday Jan. 27th, 2019 from 3 to 6 pm at Dorothy B. Oven Park 3205 Thomasville Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32308 There will be a service followed by testimonials and music. In the spring a memorial will be held at her beloved Yellow Mountain home in Western NC.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cashiers Highlands Humane Society of North Carolina <https://chhumanesociety.org> or Preserve Vison Florida www.pvfla.org

Comments



“ Bonnie Woodburn was one of the kindest, loveliest ladies I've ever had the privilege to know. She embodied grace, beauty and elegance without even trying not to mention she was brilliant. I loved visiting, chatting, laughing and sharing good food together.

I will cherish these memories, always. Heaven is blessed by your presence. I love you, Bonnie.

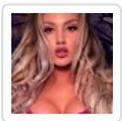


Marci - January 23 at 02:21 PM



“ Ms. Bonnie's had a beautiful heart & generous soul! She was a Christian & lead by example. I was lost when we crossed paths & she lead me to Jesus. What a gift! I still carry the Bible she gave me 30 years ago. She taught me that our choices determine our happiness. Bonnie was an Angel on earth~pure love. Until we meet again Mom2 you will always be in my heart

Yolanda Nunez - January 21 at 11:48 AM



“ She is more beautiful than the heavens themselves and I loved her very much. Goodbye Grandma, thank you for gifting me your rainbow

Rachel Troy - January 21 at 11:08 AM