



Martha Ann Chadwick Duncan

July 24, 1943 - November 16, 2018

Martha Ann Chadwick Duncan was born July 14, 1943 to Dr. Charles W and Evelyn Clark Chadwick while he was serving his country for US military in Kansas during WW2. She passed away November 16, 2018 after a 10 year bout with an autoimmune lung disorder.

Her early years' school included a year at "THE W" and graduate degree from OLE MISS where she was recognized as campus favorite, cheerleader, and Kappa Delta sorority member. Her career was as a dedicated educator teaching all grades early on. Then Martha obtained her Masters degree which opened a new career in Early Childhood Literacy as Reading Recovery Specialist working through Ohio State University and later Purdue. She spent several years in these programs instructing teachers for this literacy niche. The period here also involved travel into the towns of the Midwest to implement the program in schools there. This was the passion that was then carried back to her native Jackson, Mississippi. She was a lifelong learner and continued studies at Jackson State as well as mentoring Reading Recovery in Jackson.

Upon retiring from education another career opened her artistic element. She and her husband were avid hikers and had a retreat cabin in Shady Valley, TN. In this rather remote TN mountain area the two spent many days and nights on the Appalachian Trail. Next she began restoring vintage farmhouses of Appalachia, one such having been published in THIS OLD HOUSE MAGAZINE.

She leaves her devoted husband of 20-plus years, Jerald M Duncan, MD, daughters Courtney Shepherd and Colli King, siblings Charles Eley Chadwick, Beth Spirrison, the twins Billy and Barney Chadwick, and Clara Cochran, step-children Ashley Mahaffey, Donna Duncan, and Marshall Duncan. Seven grandchildren are beneficiaries of her unconditional love. Her Christian life sets an example for family and devoted friends alike.

Visitation will begin at Noon, Friday, November 30th, in the TK Young Room of Idlewild Presbyterian Church, 1750 Union Ave, Memphis and the Memorial service follows at 1:00 PM

The family requests memorials be made to Idlewild Presbyterian Church or one of the donor's choice.

Events

NOV **Visitation** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Idlewild Presbyterian Church

1750 Union Avenue, Memphis, TN, US, 38104

NOV **Memorial Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ She twirled, cheered, danced and won every 4H talent show in the county singing “Ya’ll Come.” We began our friendship in fourth grade at Forest Hill and continued that friendship for many decades. We connected again after our 50th reunion and shared through technology memories of the class of 1961, our moms, Forest hill Methodist church, and so many more beyond wonderful memories. Condolences to her great family. BFF Linda Anderson Lockett

Linda Anderson Lockett - November 29, 2018 at 01:28 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martha Ann Chadwick Duncan.



November 26, 2018 at 06:52 PM



“ I will always remember Martha Ann as she and Duncan had dinner with us on a rooftop in Athens, Greece...the Mediterranean and the Acropolis glowing behind her in the light of a full moon. A goddess forever.

Helen (Cakie) Carr Rondos

Helen Rondos - November 25, 2018 at 11:16 AM



“ My memory of her is her lovely smile and her inviting heart. Any time I was with her, my day was brighter.

Terrye Thomas Mastin - November 23, 2018 at 11:11 AM