



IN MEMORIAM

Calixte Stamp

Calixte Stamp, a therapist and psychodramatist who lived and worked in East Hampton and New York City, died in September at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital. She was 61 and had been diagnosed with breast cancer some years ago.

Ms. Stamp was born in Vienna, Austria, attended the International School in Geneva, Switzerland, and spoke several languages. She attended Barnard College in New York City, where she majored in anthropology. She “called New York home for the rest of her life.” Even so, Calixte was very much a world citizen in her philosophies, attitudes, broad creative ways of talking, being, and interacting with the world. In her loving presence you felt seen and her energy was positively contagious. She had a love of learning, life, and people that attracted people to her and she was continuously growing. Ms. Stamp worked for the environmental artists Christo and his wife, Jeanne-Claude, on their “Umbrellas” in New York and Japan and on the “Wrapped Reichstag” in Berlin.

In 1987, through her own recovery from multiple addictions she pursued aspects of conscious life and healing by becoming a trained therapist and addiction counselor. She also trained in experiential therapy, trauma repair, energy healing, and psychodrama. Calixte had her own unique take on self-healing - working with both



children and adults, helping them to open their own hearts releasing powerful healing.

In 1979 Calixte married the late Christopher Stamp, also a beloved member of many communities, including psychodrama. They moved to East Hampton in the early 1990s and set up a psychotherapy practice together built around the 12-step program and its community of fellow seekers. They both had a passion for this work, and giving it back to their community transformed their lives, as well as the lives of those they

touched.

“You would have to live many lifetimes and meet millions of people to ever meet another person like her,” said Ms. Stoppard. “She was the most generous person I’ve ever known. She was a collector of beautiful things, which filled her home, its walls, and her closets, She also loved “getting people together to celebrate, in every sense of the word.” She loved music, and animals and she helped many small animal shelters around the world.

