



IN MEMORIAM

Kathie St. Clair

October 14, 1940 - October 8, 2020

Kathie was born in Rockford, Illinois and liked to say that she never adjusted to life in the South as she saw herself as a Yankee in a foreign land. She was nothing short of a freedom fighter. She was a woman of integrity and kindness. She led with her heart and her work as a social worker and psychodramatist are legendary. But more than anything, she took pride in her family and her love had no limits. She is survived by her beloved companion of 35 years, Alfred "Buddy" Nance; her daughters, Jennifer Harris and Jordana Anderson; her son-in-law, Robert Anderson and her step-daughter, Heather Nance. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Julianne Harris.

She leaves behind her grandchildren who she helped raise and who she adored, Kelley Burnette, Jordan Watson, India Younger, Ashley Robinson, Zoe Harris, Daryl "DJ" Jones, Dakota Jones, Aja Nichols, Christopher Nichols, and Ferrah Williams; and her great-grandchildren, Kelsey, Antonio, Kennedy, Casey, Julian, Jeremiah, Joy, Jayla, and Jayda.

We are all heartbroken yet we know that her legacy will never die.

Carpe Diem!

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Here is a summary from the many condolences and comments about Kathie from friends, colleagues, students, and trainees. Her brilliance, sense of humor, kindness, and unique style all wrapped up in such a loving woman:

♥ Kathie was absolutely unique and she was my dearest friend. Our friendship began in the early 1970s when she called and invited me to a "Christmas Brawl."

♥ Kathie was my instructor at Radford. After graduating she helped me feel more comfortable doing groups. When I think of how much I loved doing them, I think of her and how she helped. She always had an amusing story and was quite a presence in a room. My thoughts to her family and friends on the loss of this one of a kind woman!



♥ I met Kathy many tears ago when she taught classes for Radford University in Roanoke. She was genuinely joyful and funny. I also remember that she was an accomplished artist.

♥ Kathy, was my student supervisor at the VA hospital when I was in graduate school. I learned so much from her. She was a strong advocate for the patients and was so funny. I have so many fond memories of that time.

♥ Kathie was one of the best, if not the best, teachers and psychotherapists, with whom I have had the privilege of working. Her bright and strong spirit, her skill as a psychodramatist and her remarkable way of helping others heal have been gifts to so many others throughout her career. My sympathy to Buddy, Jennifer and Jordana and family. What an incredible woman!

♥ I met Kathie at Lewis Gale Psych Center-such a genuine, centered, funny, really good woman. Enjoyed her sense of humor (sometimes on the dark side) yet she always seemed to know what to say. She cared for and advocated for people, whether colleagues or clients. This universe lost an amazing person.

♥ I met Kathie through psychodrama training groups. Her wisdom and humor were unique gifts. She had an important impact on my life as I am sure she had on many. My deepest condolences to Buddy, her family and her friends.

♥ I met Kathie at my first and only trip to "The Ranch" (where she was part of a team that trained Criminal defense attorneys). I knew she was special from the moment I met her. She had the ability to see me, and not just what I wanted people to see. She was a great psycho-dramatist, and an even greater person. May she rest in peace and love and may her family be comforted during this time of loss. Kathie was the best Psychodrama teacher I ever had.