



Eleanor Montgomery Mefford

July 13, 1942 - August 5, 2021

Manhattan, NY...Eleanor Montgomery Mefford, 79, of Manhattan, NY, passed away August 5, 2021. She was born July 13, 1942, in Mt. Pleasant, TN, a daughter of Robert J. Mefford and Sara Gabard Mefford. She attended schools in Mt. Pleasant, TN, received a BS from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, and an MA from Columbia University, New York, NY.

She brought her creative spirit, love of children and a wealth of leadership experience to the many teaching positions she held in her career. She created the Children's Services Division at Women-in-Need, Inc., New York, NY, and served for 20 years there. Her life's work consisted of the care and nurture of children and their families.

She was a member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in New York City where she sang in the choir.

She was a smart, multi-talented person, a gifted pianist as well as a consummate seamstress. Her infant christening dresses were exquisite as well as were the tiny dolls and animals she made for the children in her classes. She merged her creative talents with her work.

Eleanor owned several Newfoundlands during the years and was happy

knowing that her recent beloved Corgi, Lily, was returned to the original owners and will lead a happy life.

She is predeceased by her parents, an infant brother and a cousin, John Hughes, of Tennessee.

Survivors include her cousins Sally H. Lawson (Lionel), Mary Anne Schmidt (Mike), Jan Deeter, Nell Jean Mitchell (Bob), Joseph Gabard (Cindy), Mary Johns Major, Johnny Rickman (Barbara), Jimmy Rickman (Judy) and several other cousins. Eleanor was a unique person who will be sorely missed by her relatives and friends, including Ann Valenstine, Harvey Burkett and Troy Bentley who were indispensable during her final days.

At her request, her final resting place will be with her cousin, Sally, at White Church Place Cemetery, Summerville, SC. Burial will be at a later date.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

Tribute Wall



“ *Eleanor Montgomery Mefford*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *Eleanor and her Tennessee cousins. All her love, phone calls, and talents will be greatly missed by so many of us and Miss Lily, too! You were the most loving of all the cousins to keep in contact with me and my daughter Tiffany over the years. You will always be in our hearts.*



Nell Jean-Mitchell - September 13, 2021 at 03:13 PM



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“ *ELEANOR WAS SUCH A KIND PERSON! SHE ALWAYS RECOGNIZED WHEN OUR CLASS MEMBERS HAD A DEATH IN THEIR FAMILY! YOU DESERVE RECOGNISION FROM US ELEANOR! YOU WERE LOVED BY US! MARY HOLTSFORD ROCHELLE*

MARY ROCHELLE - August 30, 2021 at 12:33 PM

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“ I just reconnected with you after 60+ years of silence, and now you are gone again. Thank you for sharing your love of your dog, your love for the beauty of trees, your fascination with their unique shapes, and your love of children. Thank you for being you. You are missed. Rest well.

Sandra M. Davis - August 16, 2021 at 04:45 PM