



Candice L. Hawkinson

September 26, 1951 - March 30, 2020

Candice L. Hawkinson, 68, of Memphis, TN, formerly of Milwaukee, WI, Houston and Galveston, TX, and New York, NY, passed away peacefully of natural causes on Monday morning, March 30, 2020, at her home.

Candice was born on September 26, 1951 in Waukesha, WI, to Rupert and Lois (Shaffer) Hawkinson. She graduated from Brighton College in England, where she worked as an assistant to world-famous photographer David Bailey and part-time as a fashion model. After graduating, she spent a year living in Morocco, and upon relocation to the United States, she began the first of two lengthy stints in Manhattan, where she worked as a legal and administrative assistant. In between, she lived in Houston, TX, and later she returned to live in Milwaukee to be near her parents, where she raised orchids and and travelled to dog shows throughout the Midwest with her prize-winning borzoi (aka, Russian wolfhounds). In 2000, she moved to Galveston, TX, with her husband Dr. Scott P. Marler, whom she married in 2003 on the island of St. Lucia. In Galveston she completed training to become a certified master gardener and made frequent contributions to the county agricultural extension service's newsletter on a wide variety of topics. She and her husband moved to Memphis in 2007, where she was active in local animal rescue and conservation efforts. With her dogs Emily, Abigail, and Prudence, she was a frequent habitué of Overton Park, Shelby Farms, and Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park, and at the time of her passing she was working hard on a novel.

Candice was preceded in death by her parents, and she is survived by her husband Scott and by her cousins John Lyon of Waukesha, WI, and Ron Shaffer of Oregon, as well as by her beloved menagerie of cats and dogs. Candice was an avid reader and a bon vivant in the fullest sense of the word. She will be long remembered by a legion of friends and admirers scattered around the nation and world for her remarkable charisma and effortless generosity of spirit, as well as her consummate knowledge of cinema, couture, and gardening, along with an incredibly wide range of other subjects.

Per her wishes, remembrances of Candice should be made to regional animal rescue and humane societies in Memphis, Houston, and Milwaukee. A private memorial service in Candice's memory will be arranged after the current national crisis has subsided.

Tribute Wall

JP

“ *It's New Years Day 2022. I decided to check in on some old friends since I am sitting here alone after having lost my Husband and Mom in the last few months. I googled Candice and was so shocked and saddened to find her obituary. Candice and I met in the 70's in Texas. We have been friends and followed each others exploits through time, until a few years ago when we lost touch. RIP my dear friend.*

*With love
Jody*



Jody Pallak - January 01, 2022 at 03:49 PM

WB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



william Beecher - August 18, 2020 at 09:30 AM

SM

Incredibly beautiful, wasn't she?

Scott Marler - November 25, 2020 at 04:43 PM

DB

“ So, it is nearly four months after Candice's transition that I'm learning about it and the incredulity is superlatively indescribable. Candice and I launched a friendship that was limited due to my immersion in striving to meet a tight deadline. What a stark reminder of how being "too busy" means we are, indeed, too busy! As a transplanted Brooklynite, we chuckled over the contrast between our current location and our NYC roots. Oh, how shocking to have learned this and I trust that as she has taken flight that her journey is smooth. Safe journey, Miss Candice. Peace.



Dr. Roslyn E. Bacon - July 20, 2020 at 11:01 PM

TS

Oh Candice...I just officially learned of your transitioning. I rang your phone numbers a few months ago and had a feeling you had passed. I pray that at your time it was pleasant. We met last Summer at one of your favorite walking spots, Overton Park. You were with the girls who I hope and pray found a good home as well as your precious felines. I drove by your home a few days ago and it looked beautiful as always. You kept that home so beautiful and I feel honored to have been a guest in it a few times. Right now I am looking at the little plant that you gave me and I treasure it even more now. We knew each other on this planet in this lifetime four seasons/almost one calendar year. The last time I saw you was in the early spring of this year. It was a beautiful day. God bless you you smart gorgeous Woman. Safe travels. Peace. Sincerely,
Teresa Ann Sullivan
901.281.2273

Teresa Ann Sullivan - August 18, 2020 at 11:39 AM

SM

I'm sorry that I was unable to contact you. I did my best to track down as many of her friends from Memphis to Europe as possible. Yes, all of the animals are in wonderful homes. - Scott

Scott Marler - November 25, 2020 at 04:46 PM

MM

“*Candice was my first friend in Memphis. We met at campaign HQ for a mutual friend running for city council. From the first, we were quick to share details of our lives, as women do. In some ways we were kindred spirits, in others, complete opposites.*

We shared a love for cats and dogs, literature, history (particularly Tudor England) and walks in the park. Food and films were always topics of lively conversation. She had a boldness of manner and speech that was sometimes shocking, sometimes amusing. At the same time there was a darkness and vulnerability about her that I noticed almost immediately. Her struggles were the same I'd experienced with my own family members.

She was generous, highly intelligent and had a wicked sense of humor. A New Yorker through and through, an iconoclast. I couldn't always give her what she needed. I pray that her passing was not painful and that wherever her spirit resides, her long hair is being blown by a fair breeze, she has a passel of four-legged friends by her side and one deliciously sexy man.

maureen mcurdy - April 21, 2020 at 05:11 PM

SU

“ *Candice, I remember the day we met those many years ago upon your arrival in Memphis. Our lives, Jon's & mine, were forever changed by you & Scott becoming our cherished neighbors. Thank you for your kindness, generosity and remarkable wit. Our lives are richer for all you shared with us.*

Our connectivity was solidified for both having massive tresses, you treated me as a sister, and you will be missed as a sister. Our mutual admiration club is one I know I'll never share with another as I did with you. Thank you for your inspiration and your persistent high expectations. R.I.P. beautiful lady.

Love, Susan & Jon Keith

Susan - April 17, 2020 at 01:36 PM

KC

“ *I was just introduced to Candice while visiting a friend in Memphis last year. We decided to keep in touch by e-mail and did so for a short time prior to her untimely passing. Candice seemed a bit eccentric to me and very interesting! There are so few intelligent, interesting, world traveled people in the world and she was one of them. I am sure she will be remembered and missed by many. I certainly will miss getting to know her.*

Karen

Karen Curtin - April 16, 2020 at 10:26 AM

CR

“ *I shall miss your giving me recommendations for books to read, chats over coffee and cigs, emails about everything and anything but most of all for just knowing you were there for me when I needed you most. Love and miss you Candice.*

Churchy Reeve - April 15, 2020 at 06:38 PM

AN

“ I will miss my time with Candice. We met in Shelby Forest and the last time I saw her was a few days before her passing in Shelby Forest. Our fascinating and uniquely intimate relationship started and finished in that forest. Knowing each other for over ten years, we discussed and pontificated on a wide range of topics which included cinema, literature, philosophy, psychology, parapsychology, medicine and nature. We delighted in each others company as we walked the forest often spouting movie quotes and singing our favorite songs. Nothing was off limits as we explored the complexities of our minds and spirit.

“A friend is a person with whom I may be sincere. Before her I may think aloud. I am arrived at last in the presence of a woman so real and equal, that I may drop even those undermost garments of dissimulation, courtesy, and second thought, which men never put off, and may deal with her with the simplicity and wholeness with which one chemical atom meets another.”

“My friends have come to me unsought. The great God gave them to me. By oldest right, by the divine affinity of virtue with itself, I find them, or rather not I, but the Deity in me and in them derides and cancels the thick walls of the individual character, relation, age, sex, circumstance, at which he usually connives, and now makes many one.”

*Thank you Candice
Anthony*

anthony - April 15, 2020 at 02:20 AM

AN

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*Thank you Candace
Anthony*

anthony - April 15, 2020 at 01:50 AM

Jl

“ *Dearest Candice,
NYC, 1985, won't ever forget your fab Borzoi, Catherine the Best,
catching rats in Bryant Park. That library crowd will never be the
same.
Good times. Gonna miss you.
- J. D. Fox III*

John D. Fox III - April 14, 2020 at 05:30 PM

SM

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Scott Marler - April 14, 2020 at 03:34 PM

TM

*Although my time with Candis was brief she was able to show me a
whole new way to look at life. I will forever hold her memory in my
heart. Hope to see you in the next great adventure.
Tim*

Tim Moore - April 15, 2020 at 01:41 AM

BE

*Thank You Scott. Candice is Beautiful! Forever Young in Spirit, Forever
Young at Heart! Bette*

Bette - April 16, 2020 at 01:29 PM