



Elizabeth Harte

December 2, 1946 - July 24, 2022

Beth was born in Fargo, North Dakota to Don and Lillian Skaarer. She graduated from Memphis State University with her Bachelor's degree in Education in 1968. She also attained a Master's degree in Guidance Counseling from Memphis State in 1970. Upon graduation with her Master's, Beth started her decades-long career as a teacher, librarian, and guidance counselor for Memphis City Schools and Shelby County Schools. Beth loved animals, especially cats and dogs. She enjoyed volunteering for various humane societies and community shelters as a cat and kitten foster parent and dog walker. She also enjoyed traveling, watching movies in theaters, reading novels, competing in tennis, and playing bridge. Beth was beloved by her husband of 48 years, Gary Harte, whom she met as a freshman at Memphis State in 1964. In 1974 they were married, and together they welcomed the light of their lives – their son Ryan – in 1984. Friends and family would say that Beth was easy to love, always thinking of others and staying true to her values. She was gentle, kind, selfless, and she loved to laugh.

She is survived by her loving husband, Gary Harte; son, Ryan Harte (Alix); grandchildren, Hagen and Isabel Harte; brother, Tim Skaarer (Linda, deceased); niece, Nancy Brown (Casey); niece, Jenny Lynn Skaarer; niece, Deenie Phelan (Steve); great nephews, Brooks and Brendan Phelan; sister-in-law, Donna Skaarer; and so many cherished friends. Her parents, Don and Lillian, and brother, Dave Skaarer, preceded her in death.

There will be a private memorial service for family and friends at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Humane Society of Memphis and Shelby County located at 935 Farm Rd, Memphis, TN 38134.