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Nicole Elizabeth Duffee was born in Quincy, Massachusetts, on the 12th of December 1951 to Malcolm and Denise Duffee. She was one of two children. She graduated from Vassar in 1973 and obtained her DVM and PhD from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Nicole was passionate about continued education in the laboratory animal science field, and one of her most significant accomplishments was obtaining the AALAS (American Association for Laboratory Animal Science) Learning Library with her friend and colleague, Mike Fallon. She was a founding member of LAWTE (Laboratory Animal Welfare Training Exchange) and previously acted as president. Nicole worked at the University of Oregon and then Washington University in St. Louis, MO for ten years as a training coordinator before taking her expertise to AALAS as the Director of Education and Scientific Affairs for twenty-one years. During her career, Nicole received many awards for her work, including the George Collins Award at the 1999 AALAS National Meeting. An avid animal lover, Nicole owned many pets throughout her life, including cats, dogs, and rats.

Nicole passed away from pneumonia complications on June 11, 2023, in Memphis, Tennessee at the age of 71. She is preceded in death by her father, Malcolm, her brother, Glenn Duffee, and her daughter, Catherine “Katya” Duffee. She is survived by her mother, Denise, her nieces Lauren (Blair) Gisel, Regan (Dan) Levine, and a host of many friends and loved ones.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the following organizations: The AALAS Foundation: <https://www.aalasfoundation.org/> AALAS Grants for Laboratory Animal Science <https://www.aalas.org/glas> Youth Villages: <https://youthvillages.org/> Bethany Christian Services: <https://bethany.org/>

A celebration of her life is planned for July 8th in Collierville. Details to come.