



Jane Graden Piper

May 2, 1944 - May 15, 2023

Jane Piper, 79, of Mint Hill, died peacefully in her sleep at her home on May 15, 2023.

Jane was born in Virginia Beach, VA, on May 2, 1944, the daughter of David Hughbanks and Marjorie Moore. She grew up between Virginia Beach and Baltimore, graduating from Towson High School. Jane worked in the hospitality industry and as a seamstress before deciding to go back to school. She then attended Norfolk State University and earned her degree in accounting when she was 40. Jane went to work for the federal government where she worked primarily for the Army Corps of Engineers and US Border Patrol. She further pursued her education, obtaining a masters degree in contract procurement and management from Golden Gate University.

While in Virginia Beach, she met a sailor named Terry Draper. She lost the bet, he won big, and dating a sailor paid off for her as they celebrated 37 years of partnership. In July of 2004, they moved to Mint Hill where they had been residents ever since.

When not working, Jane enjoyed fashion, entertaining and rescuing cats.

Jane is survived by her husband, Terry; a sister Sue Ellen; a brother, Albert; and a brother Graden. She is further survived by numerous other relatives and friends. Jane was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Bill.

Jane's family has given the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home the privilege of caring for her and for them. Funeral services will be held at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 22, in the funeral home chapel, 4715 Margaret Wallace Road, Matthews, NC 28105. Visitation and reception will follow the service. Jane will then be taken to her final place of earthly rest at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Norfolk, Virginia, for interment at a later date.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, please make a memorial donation to your local pet shelter, Humane Society or the ASPCA.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 22. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jane Graden Piper*



Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - May 22, 2023 at 04:44 PM



“ *Jane Graden Piper*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jane Graden Piper.*



May 20, 2023 at 08:59 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jane Graden Piper.*

May 19, 2023 at 09:58 PM

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“ I mostly remember going out to dinner with Jane and Terry. She and I would have the most intelligent conversations, because she had a life of so many broad experiences. I particularly remember her talking about Morocco...since then, when I see any item that is from Morocco or of that design, I think of her! I always looked forward to see what she was going to wear or to admire her taste in jewelry. She was the epitome of grace and sophistication, but she, also, had a quirky sense of humor and a love of life that extended to the many cats she adopted and raised. Once, she and Terry hosted a dinner in their home, and, oh, the elegance and appreciation of fine things! The food and table were like a five star restaurant, with Jane serving every guest with personal attention. She loved color and art, bold design, and superior quality. She was devoted to Terry and encouraged his career. She wanted the best for him in every way. From California to Texas to North Carolina, they wanted to do home projects themselves, so that they could incorporate their unique design and handmade skill. Oh, and I remember one of Terry's milestone birthdays! It was at Fuddrucker's,..nothing fancy, just fun! I have missed seeing Jane for the last few years, because of her health; but she has always remained the same generous, gracious and loving soul, that I knew her to be. May she rest in peace.

Cathy Gaberdiel - May 19, 2023 at 10:15 AM

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“ You are never far from my thoughts or actions. Jane is the way I strive to dress, treat myself and others, and live my life (oh yes and make popcorn). Such a profound impact you made on the lives you shared. I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to be a “roommate.” You will be remembered and are loved. Terry, I am so sad for your loss. ❤️

mary lynn - May 18, 2023 at 10:50 PM