



Linda Kaye Gray

May 5, 1947 - February 14, 2022

Born on May 5, 1947, in Galax, Virginia, Linda Kaye Gray passed away on February 14, 2022, with her husband, Rod, and daughter, Ayesha, by her side. She continues to watch over them and her daughter, DeBe, her sons-in-law, Will and Rick, her five grandchildren Corey, Seth, Trevor, River, and Savannah, her granddaughters-in-law Brittany, Kimber, and Miranda, and her great-granddaughter Madi. Linda met Rod, the love of her life, in Richmond, Virginia in 1966. Married for 55 years on an adventure that took them from Virginia to Vermont to Texas to New Hampshire to Costa Rica to Alabama. Their love is eternal. Linda was a life-long artist. She used many mediums from pen and ink, paper scrolling, sewing, oil- and acrylic-based toll painting, ceramics, needlepoint, embroidery, and cross stitch, but was especially fond of fabric painting (many people enjoy her custom-made shirts and sweatshirts some of which are framed and hanging on walls), and colored pencils, her favorite, with which she made many paintings of birds and wildlife. Most recently she used them on a gorgeous coloring book as a gift for River and Savannah. As lifelong art collectors, Rod and Linda enjoyed outdoor festivals and shows together with their daughters, who also inherited her artistic talent and love of art, often followed by dinner at El Fenix in Houston. They moved to Charlestown, New Hampshire in 1991 where Rod built a timber-framed house for them with his brothers and she enjoyed bird watching, creating art, family visits, fall colors and snow-covered hills. She provided friendship and support for many including helping others with cancer, loss, and other troubles. She was extremely proud of her daughters, sons-in-law, and grandsons for their accomplishments and told them often. She got her first passport in 2011 and traveled to Costa Rica where she explored the cloud forest of Monteverde with Rod and delighted in cooking, teaching English to the neighbors in Los Tornos, and drawing the tropical birds and wildlife that visited their house. In 2021, she moved with Rod to Grand Bay, Alabama to be near her granddaughters who adore her. We had a wonderful Christmas together. She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Belva, and many family members and friends who arrived at her bedside with her Savior Jesus Christ to take her home to her heavenly Father on Sunday night. Linda loved animals and was devoted to many pets over the years. Oscar and Josie miss her very much too. In lieu of flowers the family asks you to make a donation of any size to Wags and Whiskers, a private animal rescue

association, in Mobile, AL in her name. You can find them on Venmo @wags-whiskers-MobileAL and PayPal at paypal.me/WagsandWhiskersAL