



Gwyneth Davis Buell

October 25, 1942 - June 7, 2024

Gwyneth Morgan Davis Buell, 81, passed away peacefully at Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville, North Carolina on Friday, June 7, 2024.

She was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 25, 1942 to John Williams Davis and Evelyn June Thatcher Davis. Gwyn and her twin sister Beth were born while their father was away on active duty during WWII. In her youth Gwyn enjoyed reading, particularly about Greek mythology, and playing the piano. She loved animals and owned numerous cats throughout her life. She graduated from Carmel (Indiana) High School in 1960. After a year of college at the University of Wisconsin and a short hiatus in her education, she graduated from Indiana University in 1966 with a BA in Literature.

Gwyn's working life began in Chicago as a copywriter. In 1972 she moved to Boston and began working in the Psychology Department at Northeastern University. Gwyn remained at Northeastern for 33 years and retired to the thanks and praise of her colleagues in the department.

Gwyn married Henry Dwight Buell, a reporter for the Lynn (MA) Item newspaper in November, 1971. The couple moved to Salem, MA in 1974; not long after the move Dwight passed away at the age of 46 in 1979. Gwyn never learned to drive but she was a master at navigating the Massachusetts public transportation system. Using the bus, the train, and the subway system,

Gwyn commuted to Boston from Salem four hours a day, round trip, in the deep snow, rain, sunshine and the dark of night. Her colleagues at Northeastern called her “the mail lady” because she hardly ever missed a day of work.

Beginning with her study of Greek mythology and after many years of searching for a spiritual home, Gwyn came to embrace the Christian faith and was baptized in the First Baptist Church of Salem. She was a faithful Christian and took an active role in her church’s activities.

In 2022 Gwyn sold the house she had lived in for almost 50 years and moved to Asheville, NC to be closer to family. She was predeceased by her father, her mother, and her husband. She is survived by her twin sister, Elizabeth Sheldon Davis of Corvallis, OR; her brother, John Williams Davis, Jr. and wife Leslie of Jacksonville, Florida; and sister Sara Helen Davis and husband, Stephen Dwayne Stutzman of Asheville, NC; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private interment will be held in Milwaukee at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincere sympathy to the family....Gwyn was my neighbor in Salem for many years...always friendly, outgoing, and with a positive outlook.
Rest my friend.*

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“ *Dear Family of Gwyn, my heart's deep condolences to you. I am saddened to learn of Gwyn's passing. Gwyn was a dear loving friend of mine and my daughter's. She was very kind and caring. We had fun and laughter together over many years. Her enthusiasm in searching for the higher truths was contagious. We loved sharing and discussing many subjects from both our book collections and the many books she had in her home. Her charitable spirit was endless, always giving as she could to many causes, especially saving animals. She spoke often to me of her brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews. I feel I know you each very well.
Thank you for being there for her. She loved you all very much. May Angels of comfort and peace be with Gwyn's soul as she passes on to Higher Ground. God bless you dear Gwyn and family. With Love, Emily and Maraya Pierro (formerly of Swampscott, MA~presently of Hawaii)*

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