



## Mariella Williamson DuMont

November 4, 1922 - October 2, 2012

Mariella Williamson DuMont, died at Brooks-Howell Home on October 2, 2012 after a long life of appreciation and gusto. She was born Nov. 4, 1922 in Asheville, daughter of late Allen Davidson and Mary Manley Elmore Williamson. Mariella was a naturalist, avid hiker, a scientist with an appreciation of the mystical. She lived in Asheville most of her life and contributed to her community, family and friends in many ways. She was a member of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. She made and shared wonderful applesauce from the apple tree in her backyard. She was known as the “creature lady” because of her knowledge and appreciation of animals and a “mother superior” of the hiking group that started in 1970 and continues to this day with the second generation of explorers.

Survivors include 2 daughters: Mella Thomas of Stone Mountain, Ga. And Linda and her husband, Scott MacKay of Asheville, 4 grandchildren: Leanna and her husband Adam Cathey of Ringold, Ga., Chuck Thomas of Dolores, CO, Tasmine and his wife Sarah Martinez of Portsmouth, Va. and Anthony Martinez of Asheville, a brother, Allen Davidson Williamson of Asheville, 2 sisters Ann Beasley of Virginia Beach, Va., and Jean and her husband Robert Stanford Webb of Asheville, 3 great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and friends and cousins by the dozens.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM, at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, 789 Merrimon Avenue, on October 13, 2012 with the Rev. Mark Ramsey officiating.

The family is very grateful to the staff and residents at Brooks-Howell who made the setting a home for Mariella for the past 6 years. The compassion and competence of the staff were such gifts to her and the family. Much gratitude also goes to the Hospice personnel who guided us on the journey through Mariella's passing and assured that she was comfortable and at peace. Contributions may be made in her honor to Asheville Humane Society, Riverlink, or a charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mariella Williamson DuMont*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I got to know Mariella through my mother (Peggy Guthrie) who joined the original hiking group in the late 70s. While I was home visiting, I was lucky enough to be invited to hike with the group on a Tuesday or to go on a holiday hike with many of their families. What I remember most about Mariella was her happy personality that blossomed as the trails wound deeper into the woods, her ability to whip out a topo map and a compass to find a short-cut or to justify bush-whacking up a steep mountainside to an alternate trail, her amazing knowledge of the plants, birds, and animals of the forest. I also remember how she could get so excited about Ginger Snaps and sweet tea that awaited the hiking group in the car following a hard 10-mile (or more!) hike. Although I have not seen Mariella personally in many years, she is someone I will always remember and I will always be thankful that she was a part of my life. -Kathryn Guthrie Torres*

**Kathryn Guthrie Torres** - October 12, 2012 at 08:40 PM



“ *Mark Klein lit a candle in memory of Mariella Williamson DuMont*



**Mark Klein** - October 07, 2012 at 05:08 PM

DK

“ I remember Mariella when i was a pre teen. My brother Tommy & myself loved her large back yard & would often swing on her tree swing. I remember Mariella as a very sweet and compassionate person. She will be sadly missed. From a person who grew up "around the corner" from Mariella

DAVID KING

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DAVID KING - October 05, 2012 at 10:28 PM

AJ

Linda and members of Ms. DuMont's family, I wanted you to know how much she meant to me. As a teenager I was always amazed at all the books and magazines Ms. DuMont was reading. Also, I was impressed with her love of nature and wide-ranging knowledge of the physical world which she readily shared with us. Later as an adult, I was happy to reconnect with her at Grace Covenant and to hear about the grandchildren she loved so much. Please take comfort in knowing what a marvelous impact she made on many lives including mine. I wish I could attend the service next weekend and see you in person but I will be out of town. I will be thinking of you and giving thanks for her life which was truly well-lived.

Anna Jarvis

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Anna R. Jarvis - October 07, 2012 at 05:08 PM

GL

I can hear her yelling in the woods, "Over here." And sometimes it was the way, and sometimes it wasn't. She, as you all well know , loved being lost in her beloved mountains. When we sat to eat lunch, she seemed part of twig, branch, and stone in the trail. I think that was part of her loving the chance to learn something new. She wanted to know about everything and everyone. She and my John were great friends. I am sure they are explaining new trails on this part of the Great Adventure. I miss the both of them and will until we meet ..". Over here."

Gwenda LedBetter

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Gwenda LedBetter - October 11, 2012 at 01:43 PM