



## Ms. Mary Short Gardiner

April 12, 1940 - February 14, 2015

Mary Short Gardiner, age 74, passed away unexpectedly on February 14, 2015 in her current home of Asheville, NC. Born Mary Arnold Short in Boston, Massachusetts, she was also known to family and close friends as Sug, short for Sugar.

She was born to Charles and Mary Short and grew up in Brookline, Massachusetts. She attended Goucher College majoring in Sociology, and graduate school at Antioch University, where she received her Masters of Public Administration.

Ms. Gardiner's professional career included directorial positions with several non-profit agencies, higher educational institutions and culminated with her serving as the CAO and CFO of the City of Gloucester, Massachusetts.

She was a loving mother and grandmother. She spent many years living in Rockport, Massachusetts, which she continued to visit every summer with her children and grandchildren. She moved to Asheville, NC in 2011 to be nearer to family, especially her grandchildren. She was a world traveler, and countries to which she visited spanned Europe and Asia as well as North and South America.

Always an avid animal-rights advocate, she most recently "adopted" an elephant, taking up the cause of helping to prevent elephant extinction. She loved the ocean, particularly the North Shore of Massachusetts, where she spent summers as a child as well as much of her adult life. An avid swimmer, she particularly enjoyed Good Harbor Beach and the Pigeon Hill Quarry.

She is survived and greatly missed by her brothers, Charles and Stephen Short, her son Daniel Plaut, son Timothy Plaut and his wife Robyn Latessa, as well as her grandchildren James, Jonathan, Sarah and Hannah Plaut.

A celebration of her life will be held at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UNCA on Saturday, February 21, at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent in her name to Brother Wolf Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 8195, Asheville NC , 28814 or on-line at [www.bwar.org/donate/](http://www.bwar.org/donate/).

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### **Memorial Service**

FEB **21**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)  
1 Campus View Road  
Asheville, NC 28801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Mary Short Gardiner*

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October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I was just looking at some sea glass & realized I hadn't heard from Mary in a couple of years. She had a huge goblet full of the glass when living in Rockport. We went to grad school together & were dear friends in the 70's & 80's. A very bright woman with definite ideas. I am so sorry to read of her passing last year. My sincerest condolences to her "boys" & their families. Michele (Ponti) Misci Lake Worth, FL*

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**michele misci** - August 07, 2016 at 03:34 PM



“ *Mary was both a dear friend and a loyal client with her many cats at my veterinary hospital over the years. She was a very kind and caring lady. She loved her many animals and treated them all like royalty..They were all lucky to have had her as their master. I enjoyed Mary's visits to my office and enjoyed hearing of all her many experiences. I am saddened with her passing She willl always be remembered. Rest in peace my dear friend. Dr.Letendre Gloucester, MA*

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**Leonard Letendre** - February 24, 2015 at 10:46 AM

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“ *Carol Ann West lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary Short Gardiner*



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**Carol Ann West** - February 21, 2015 at 08:07 AM