



Mary Latta Lee

July 21, 1947 - April 19, 2022

Mary Latta “Tootie” Lee, 74, of Asheville died April 19, 2022.

Mary Latta was born July 21, 1947, in Charlotte, North Carolina. She was the daughter of Harmon Miller Lee and Mary Johnston Clark Lee who died in 1950. Mary Latta was reared by her father and his second wife, Sarah Clark Lee. She was the granddaughter of L. Lyons Lee, a former mayor of Asheville, and great-granddaughter of Walter MacKenzie Clark, a progressive Chief Justice of the NC Supreme Court.

Mary Latta graduated from Lee Edwards High School and received her B.A. from Randolph-Macon Woman’s College in Virginia, her M.A. from Morehead State in Kentucky, and her J.D. from the University of Louisville in Kentucky. She was employed by the Kentucky Court of Appeals, then served as an Assistant Commonwealth attorney before starting her own practice of appellate law in Kentucky.

In her spare time, Mary Latta traveled extensively with the goal of exploring and seeing the world. Up until her death, she was still planning excursions including trips to Iceland, Ecuador, and Cuba.

Mary Latta was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. She belonged to several organizations, including Junior League, Colonial Dames, Mayflower Society, and Mensa. Upon retiring to Asheville, she became involved in many

activities at Crowfields, where she resided, and was past president of the association.

She is survived by two sisters, Cecelia Johnston Lee of Greensboro, NC, and Caroline Lee DeLoach (Laurence) of Orlando, FL; niece, Cecelia DeLoach Werner (Nicholas); nephew, Laurence Asbury DeLoach III (Katherine); two great-nieces and many cousins.

A graveside service for family and close friends will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, 60 Church Street, Asheville, NC 28801 or the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284.

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“ *Mary Latta Lee*

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