



## Rebecca Norris

August 18, 1941 - February 20, 2025

Rebecca Lane Stikeleather Norris of Asheville, North Carolina, passed away peacefully in her home on Thursday, February 20, 2025, surrounded by family and longtime friends. She was born and raised in Asheville, a place she always loved and called home.

Rebecca was a woman of deep intelligence, warmth, and an abiding love for nature. She attended Duke University and later graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She found her greatest joy outdoors, whether tending to her flowers or simply soaking in the beauty of a blue sky on a sunny day. Nature was her sanctuary, and she nurtured it with the same care and devotion she gave to her family. Rebecca's love of life, family, and the simple beauty of nature will remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her daughter, Courtney Baird Norris; her grandson, Elijah James Castanon; her son, James Turner Norris (Alison Barcelou Norris); her brother, James Gudger Stikeleather III; and her sister, Jane Reams Stikeleather. She was preceded in death by her parents, James Gudger Stikeleather Jr. and Dorothy Kimberly Stikeleather.

A celebration to honor her memory will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, March 13th, in the chapel of Morris Funeral & Cremation Care, 304 Merrimon Ave., Asheville, NC 28804. Reverend Jordan Durham will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages planting something in her honor - a tree, a garden, or a flower that will bloom as a living tribute to the joy she found in the natural world.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home

304 Merrimon Ave.

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# Tribute Wall

BT

“ Courtney, Turner and Family, I was very sad to hear of Becky's passing. She was a friend for decades and a delight to be with. I am thankful for the introduction she gave me to Asheville and the Southern Appalachian Mountains. We even had a memorable square dance at Orchard View. I will miss her. My sympathies to you all. Wishing you peace, Bob Thompson

Bob Thompson - March 12, 2025 at 07:08 PM

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“ Courtney and Turner, my heart goes out to you and to your families on the loss of your mom. She was a very special woman to me and I will always cherish the time I spent with you all. Some of my best times growing up were with you all. My heart breaks for you all.

Darren S. Boyd, LtCol USMC (Ret.) - March 05, 2025 at 02:21 PM

EC

“ Becky was always a special slightly older girl whom I greatly admired through all my years growing up here. Sending much sympathy with lot of love to all Becky's family.

Elizabeth Colton - March 02, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Morris Funeral Home - February 26, 2025 at 02:48 PM

JR

*Dear Turner, I am so very sorry to read of the passing of your mother. She looks like a wonderful, happy lady and I know you'll miss her. My condolences*

*Jeanne Restivo*

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**Jeanne Restivo** - March 03, 2025 at 03:31 PM

GW

“ *Turner and Alison, so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother, our condolences to you and your family. Hold on to all the memories of your Mom. Our thoughts are with you.*

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**Gary and Joan Winkler** - February 21, 2025 at 06:51 PM

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“ *Becky was a member of our Wildwood community where we cherished her kindness and sweet spirit. We will miss seeing her come up the street to sit and visit*

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**Aileen Bourne** - February 21, 2025 at 06:06 PM

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“ *All of the Wildwood Avenue friends will miss seeing Becky stroll through the neighborhood. She was a great addition to our occasional gatherings. For me, I'll miss Becky's Asheville history, finding Christmas presents for Turner at The Captain's Bookshelf, Reems Creek Nursery and memories at Blackberry. What a great lady.*

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**Lee Lancaster** - February 21, 2025 at 04:45 PM