

Doris Wood Murphy, age 71 went to the Lord December 18, 2011 at her home in Palm City, Florida after a extended and courageous health battle. She was born in Washington, DC June 22, 1940 and lived with her parents Roy and Edith Wood in Vienna (Fairfax County) Virginia until graduation from Fairfax High School in 1958. Doris attended American University in Washington, DC. She became an accomplished ballet dancer, teacher and chorographer; received a National Arts & Letters Society scholarship; danced and studied with several New York studios. Doris was the Principal Dancer with the Washington Civic Ballet Company and founded and directed the Fairfax County Youth Ballet Company. In later years, Doris was a professional tour guide in Washington, DC and Boca Raton, Florida, specializing in colonial history and visual arts. Doris was active in numerous charities and artistic endeavors in Virginia, Maryland and Florida. She was a lifelong communicant of The Episcopal Church.



Doris married Dennis Morgan Murphy April 21, 1962 in Vienna, Virginia while Dennis was serving in the USAF. For the next 47 years they lived in North Carolina, British Columbia, Virginia, Maryland, Florida and Colorado. During this time, they traveled around the world twice; once on their own sailing yacht, once again on a private ship, visiting more than 120 countries. Doris is survived by one daughter, Dana Marie Walsh who lives in Tualatin, Oregon with her husband Michael and seven adorable grandchildren (ages 3 to 17).

For the past few years, Doris has resided in Southern, Florida enjoying her many friends, her artistic work, her beloved Birman cats, world travels and frequent family visits.

A celebration of life service will be held 1:30: pm on January, 13, 2012 at Saint Mary's Episcopal Church, 623 E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34994, (Phone: 772-287-3244). The family is planning a subsequent interment ceremony in April, 2012 at Flint Hill Cemetery in Vienna, Virginia.

For any who wish to make memorial contributions, Doris' favorite charities are:

- National Society of Arts & Letters, 875 Scio Church Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, Telephone: 734-663-5915
- The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 60 East 56th Street, 8th floor, New York, NY 10022, Telephone: 866-346-3228

A death is not the extinguishing of a light, but the putting out of the lamp because the dawn has come.

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