



Neel McMurry Sullivan

March 14, 1955 - November 21, 2014

Sullivan, Neel McMurry – age 59, died peacefully on Friday, November 21, 2014, at Tennova Residential Hospice in Knoxville, surrounded by her family. She was born and raised in Knoxville, graduated from Bearden High School and from Knoxville Business College. She worked as an accountant for most of her professional life, spending many happy years working for Broadway Electric before spending her last years working with McMurry & Company, CPA's. She met her husband, Bill Sullivan, while working at a bank in San Francisco, where she spent much of her early adult life with her Aunt Burney Parrott Sheeks and her cousin, Ashley Cleveland Greenberg, who included many stories about Neel and those times in her memoir, *Little Black Sheep*. Neel was preceded in death by her parents, Ben F. McMurry, Jr. and Betsy Parrott McMurry of Knoxville, TN and by her beloved husband, William Sullivan of San Francisco, CA. She is survived by her twin brother, Ben F. McMurry III and his wife Martha Dilworth McMurry, and their children Ben F. McMurry IV, Robert R. McMurry, Nathaniel L. McMurry, and Amy Kate McMurry; and by her sister Ruthie McMurry Mulliniks and her husband Michael Mulliniks and their children Michael Paul Mulliniks, Christopher R. Mulliniks, and Taylor R. Mulliniks; and eight great-nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her aunts, Burney Parrott Sheeks, Marion Parrott Comer, and Ann McMurry Simpson and many cousins, and her close friend Jim Patton. Neel loved Diet Rite sodas and *The Young and the Restless* and telling stories, some of which were inappropriate, but all of which were highly entertaining. She had an incredible sense of humor and brought laughter to any gathering. Neel was a strong encourager and was loved by many. The interment will be private. Memorials may be made to Second Harvest Food Bank, 136 Harvest Ln, Maryville, TN 37801. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 13, at 1:00 pm at Second Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends following the service. Arrangements by Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel. www.rosemortuary.com

Events

DEC **Memorial Service** 01:00PM

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Second Presbyterian Church
2829 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN, US

DEC **Receiving of Friends Following The Service**

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Comments



“ I was heart broken to just learn yesterday of your passing Neel. It is a great loss when someone you know who has inspired others through thick and thin herself succumbs to illness and the travails of life. While we only met briefly when we worked together in San Francisco you had a lasting impression on me. In times of darkness I remembered your laugh smile and "out there" just do it attitude.

I was very happy we were able to connect via email years later and even though geographically disconnected I felt that bond we struck so long ago. It was pleasant to have stayed in touch.

You will be missed on earth but not in Heaven. Roger Downie, Blind Bay, British Columbia, Canada

Roger Downie - March 26, 2015 at 08:11 AM



“ Kathleen Sullivan Kehrli purchased the A Full Life for the family of Neel McMurry Sullivan.



Kathleen Sullivan Kehrli - November 24, 2014 at 12:51 PM



“ I'm so sad and sorry for the family. I have always loved Neel for her honesty and how she always made me laugh. I can remember back to 1969 playing Abby Road, which had just been released, at her house and having the excitement of riding behind Benji on his motorcycle. Later on in high school Neel supplied me with cigarettes all through high school. She would be sitting on the bathroom in the restroom next to the cafeteria. It was where the girls smoked during lunch. She was full of stories and I was all ears. I have sweet memories of my friend. She is gone and with her true love. Sometimes our bodies wear out before our minds, I hate that.
Mary Lou Hammond Butler

mary lou butler - November 24, 2014 at 09:57 AM



“ Allison W. purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Neel McMurry Sullivan.



Allison Wray - November 23, 2014 at 07:25 PM