



Mardy Jackson

October 23, 1947 - October 15, 2005

A Celebration of Life Bar-B-Que for Margaret Wackerle Jackson, 57, will be held from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 17, 2005 at the home of Stanley Byrd, 2464 Byrd Road, Society Hill, SC, directed by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Harris Creek Volunteer Fire Department, 2464 Byrd Road, Society Hill, SC 29593 or the Society Hill Library Fund, 473 S. Main St., Society Hill, SC 29593.

Mrs. Jackson died Saturday, October 15, 2005. Born in Alexandria, VA, she was a daughter of the late Anthony Robert Wackerle, Sr. and Charlotte Theresa McCaw Everett. She was a Master Gardener, a published writer, and an organic farmer. She was the former publisher of the Cheraw Chronicle, and was the Aiken Bureau chief for the Augusta Chronicle. She was a former television reporter for WALB Albany, GA as the Valdosta Bureau chief.

Surviving are her son and his fiancé, Rob Jackson and Michelle DeHerrera of Phoenix, AZ; daughter and son-in-law, Laura and John Ellard of Atlanta, GA; sisters, Beth Carey of Gaithersburg, MD, Judy Soback of Annapolis, MD; brothers, Danny Everett of German Town, MD, Steve Everett of Valdosta, GA, Tony Wackerle of Frederick, MD; her special friend, Stanley Byrd of Society Hill, SC; stepson and spouse, Matthew and Danielle Byrd of Charlotte, NC; grandchildren, Justin Ellard, Julia Ellard, Ryan Byrd, Vincent DeHerrera, Gabriel DeHerrera. She was preceded in death by her sister, Kathy Wade.

Tribute Wall



“ I knew Mardy many years ago when she worked for Albany TV station WALB. She was one of the best journalists I've ever known. She was a true inspiration. I am so sorry to hear about her death.##imported-begin##Dawn Hobby##imported-end##

November 14, 2006 at 04:10 PM



“ MY HEART FELT SYMPATHY FOR ALL OF MARDY'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND FOR YOR LOVE AND DEVOTION TO STANLEY, SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KEW HER. SINCERLY, CHRISTINE RAUSCH##imported-begin##CHRISTINE RAUSCH##imported-end##

November 30, 2005 at 01:16 AM



“ I love you Mardy and I'll miss you.##imported-begin##Janice Saunders##imported-end##

November 09, 2005 at 11:22 AM



“ Obituaries say so little about who a person really was. Mardy was a role to many journalists, especially those who worked for her, but even the ones who just watched her work and read her paper when she was writing and editing. She had unshakable integrity and a nose for news like few I've ever come into contact with. I just wish that I'd known she was sick so that I could have told her about her far-reaching influence. She'll be missed.

Andy Owens

Charleston, S.C.##imported-begin##Andy Owens##imported-end##

November 05, 2005 at 01:31 AM



“ Eleven years ago, Mardy gave me a chance to do something I loved, and she turned my life around. She taught me a lot, and made me laugh every day we worked together, several days after I moved away. She was the bravest journalist I've ever known, and I'm in shock. Stanley, I'm so sorry. I wish I'd known the kids better, but she always bragged on Rob and Laura, and she reveled in being a kind of kooky granny.##imported-begin##Stephen Guilfoyle##imported-end##

October 17, 2005 at 11:14 AM



“ Stanley, so sorry for your loss. I think of you and Mardy so often when I'm buying plants. You both seemed to love growing them so much. Although we didn't keep in touch after you closed your place here in Cheraw, I still considered you special friends. Please give Matt a big hug from me. I'm sure I would no longer recognize him, but I think of him and his unusual interest in science in third grade so often. Kept me on my toes! Sincerely, Beth and Joe Witherspoon##imported-begin##Beth and Joe Witherspoon##imported-end##

October 16, 2005 at 11:45 PM



“ Stanley: please accept our deep sorrow at hearing of your loss. Please know that we will keep both of you in our prayers. Give our best to your family.

Carl & Barbara Jordan##imported-begin##Carl Jordan##imported-end##

October 16, 2005 at 07:28 PM



“ To: Rob and Laura,

We were so sad to hear about Mardy, it was such a shock to us. We think about our days out in Lake Park so often and the many happy times we had. Especially, the softball games and the ride to the dairy queen. Your mamma was such a good friend and a character. Had a lot of good laughs. We don't know how to express to all of you how sadden we are and that our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time.

You both were like our children and wished we had kept in touch over these years. We know she was proud of both of you.

Remember we love you both and think of you often, but never as much as now. Take care and God's speed.

Love to you all,

Bill and Sarah Mizell##imported-begin##Bill and Sarah Mizell##imported-end##

October 16, 2005 at 03:04 PM