



Theodora Betjemann

January 1, 1943 - July 29, 2022

Theodora Betjemann, age 79, passed away in Corvallis Oregon after a long illness.

Theo was born in Amarillo, Texas and spent her youth in Mundelein, Illinois. She attended Dennison University, majoring in Art History and received a Master of Arts degree from New York University in the department of Music and Performing Arts. She worked in the social work field as an activities and dance therapist at Bronx Lebanon Hospital 1990-1997 and later as a teacher of developmentally- delayed preschoolers in Florida.

Theo was a free spirit who was intellectually curious and an independent thinker. She cared deeply about issues of social justice and worked tirelessly on behalf of many causes in her community and beyond.

She was an unusually creative person. Her love of art is seen in her paintings and pastel work. Her love of dance was channeled into her work with mentally and developmentally challenged adults and children. Her love of books was shared through regular gifts of her favorite books to all family, especially the children. Her love of animals was manifest in her care of her beloved Shih Tzu dogs, Moo-Chou and Ping.

She was generous, sensitive and always enthusiastic no matter the topic. While her physical presence leaves a void, the above characteristics will always dwell in our memory of her.

She was preceded in death by her beloved companion, Horace Roundtree, and her older brother, John. She is survived by brother Martin in Gainesville,

Florida; brother Peter and spouse Dori in Philomath, Oregon and John's spouse Celeste in Bradenton Florida. Many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends are spread across the country.

A memorial service will be held via Zoom on August 28 at noon PST. If interested in attending please forward your email to betj@peak.org unless you have already done so.

Donations in Theo's memory can be made to National Parkinson's Foundation 200 SE 1st Street Suite 800 Miami, Florida 33131 made to Memorial Fund for Theo Betjemann. If you would like to make a donation to the Parkinson's Foundation in Theo's name, there are three ways to do so. You can indicate the donation is "In Memory of Theo Betjemann," in which case the family will be notified. You can also request a receipt for tax purposes if desired.

Visit the website, <https://www.parkinson.org/>, and click on yellow "Donate" button and select Tribute Gift.

Mail a check made out to National Parkinson's Foundation with memo "Memorial Fund for Theo Betjemann" to:

200 SE 1st Street Suite 800

Miami, Florida 33131

Call 1-800-473-4636, option 2.

Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at www.demossturda.com

Previous Events

Zoom Service

AUG 28. 12:00 PM (PT)

Zoom

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Tribute Wall

DA

“ 18 files added to the album Theo Photos



Dan - August 28, 2022 at 11:58 AM

CH

“ Aunt Theo was always the cheerful fun aunt who lit up the room with her zest for life. She had that unique gift to make those around her feel special, loved, and at ease. You will be missed Aunt Theo and will be remembered and loved.

Carisa Harris - August 28, 2022 at 08:16 AM

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“ Erik's stories of the visit throughout NYC, combined with a dizzying stop at the Marriott, the Magic Store, sampling the food at a fancy restaurant, with the love for adventure and freedom, paved the way to meet you and Grandma Marjorie in 2008. I was bowled over with your zest for life, love, justice and 'elan. That was a truly lovely and memorable visit to meet you, Grandma, and Horace and the two dogs that ruled the roost. I never forgot the jazz, the food, the ambience at the Darling Marlin restaurant. Our lively and enlightening chats were equally memorable. Your faith was deep and abiding like your mother. Till we meet again, may you continue to dance with joy, love and laughter amongst the stars. I love you very much, dear Aunt Theo.....



Charmaine

Charmaine Lydon-Betjemann - August 26, 2022 at 11:20 PM

SA

“ My dear sweet friend "Theo" you were a Joy to know and you will truly be missed. 🙏

Sandy - August 22, 2022 at 05:24 PM

CS

“ Dearest Theo, Spirit of goodness and light...you will be in my heart all through eternity. Thank you for all the love you shared and for your dazzling spirit of kindness and generosity. With our LOVE.
Chris and Russ Stanley

Chris Stanley - August 19, 2022 at 10:08 AM

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“ We love you Aunt Theo! Your positive spirit lifted everyone you were with. That smile of yours was so genuine and made us all feel special and loved. You were an inspirational cheerleader of the family and made us feel proud to be a Merritt. I am grateful that my children had time with you and got to know you. We will miss you Aunt Theo.



Travis Merritt - August 04, 2022 at 11:52 AM