



## Emily Gail DePriest Brooks

January 16, 1955 - December 21, 2023

Emily Gail DePriest Brooks, 68 of Sugar Hill, GA passed away on December 21, 2023 after a lengthy, courageous and inspiring battle with Glioblastoma. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Ray Brooks and her sisters-in-law, Joanna Brooks Talley (Steve) and Carolyn Brooks Silva (Joseph) and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Harold and Opal DePriest and her sister, Phyllis DePriest.

Emily was born in Humboldt, TN and graduated from Tuscola High School in Waynesville, NC as co-valedictorian in 1973. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Tennessee in 1978 with a degree in Industrial Engineering. Over the course of her career, she worked for corporate giants; Lockheed, Western Electric, AT&T, and IBM.

Emily had a lifelong passion for learning and was an avid reader of many different genres of literature. She excelled at piano in which she would pair with her wonderful singing voice to the delight of her audience. She enjoyed macramé and needlepoint, often gifting her creations to family and friends. But the love of her life, other than her devoted husband Ray, was horses. She loved being at the barn, doting on her horses and enjoying time in the saddle, whether in training or trail riding. She competed successfully in event competitions throughout the Southeast, her favorite discipline being dressage. As with most equestrians, she also loved dogs and her favorite breed was

Scottish Terriers. Maggie and Bonny were her faithful furry companions, not straying far from her side, unless there were squirrels present!

Godspeed Emily, you will be missed. No formal service is planned at this time.