



Margrethe Warden

June 25, 2018

Margrethe Warden of Buford, Georgia departed this life abruptly on June 24, 2018. She was helping a friend pack for a move when a sudden cardiac arrhythmia stopped her heart and ended her life.

Margrethe was fierce and funny, passionately opinionated about a myriad of issues and spoke fluent sarcasm. She loved with a big heart and would, and often did, do anything for a friend. For many, she was the wise counselor, the compassionate listener, the comforting shoulder to cry on. She touched lives around the world and her absence will leave a gaping hole in many hearts. Just crossing paths with her enriched your life. While her life has ended, it remains incomplete. She still had a million conversations to finish, baseball games to cheer and political contests to analyze. She blazed through our lives like a brilliant comet and the world is a darker place without her in it.

She was born on September 14, 1955, in Baltimore, Maryland, the daughter of William E. and Claire Amy Warden. She grew up in Waynesboro, Virginia, graduating from Waynesboro High School and received a BS in sociology from Longwood College (now University). Following graduation she joined the Waynesboro Department of Social Services. She later served as a regional ombudsman for the Virginia Department of Corrections, and ran her own business, selling exotic bird food and supplies. At various times later in life she sold shoes at Macys, was a writer and editor and performed clerical services for the law office of David Hibbert and Keller Williams offices.

She married Germ Orndorff on November 23, 1996 and moved to Georgia the

following year. In Georgia, she expanded her bird collection and began breeding several species, although lories remained her favorites. She served as a board member of the American Federation of Aviculture, writing and editing articles on bird related issues for their publication. Because she could not find a useful resource on lories, she researched, wrote and self-published The Lory Owner's Survival Guide, which became a manual for lory breeders around the world.

She is survived by her loving husband Germ Orndorff; 3 stepchildren: Tonia Orndorff (Charlie George) of Dardenelle, Arkansas, India Duvall (Brett), and Mandus Orndorff (Elizabeth) both of Russellville, Arkansas, and 6 grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister and brother-in-law Nancy Warden and Jim Ballard of Vienna, Virginia and her beloved nephew and niece, Patrick and Jennifer Ballard, also of Vienna.

A memorial service will be held at Flanigan Funeral Home and Crematorium, 4400 South Lee Street, Buford, Georgia on Saturday, June 30 at 1:00 p.m. A memorial service will also be held in Waynesboro, Virginia at a time to be announced later. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Sea Shepherd Conservation Society at my.seashepherd.org to end whale hunts and dolphin captivity, or to an animal shelter or rescue service of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Margrethe Warden*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *I have wanted to send my condolences and some memories and didnt have an address. My wife, formerly Sherry Wade, passed away in 2015. Her friendship with Margrethe went back to Waynesboro High. Mine goes back to when Sherry and I had gotten togethrr for the first time with Margrethe at Sherrys home. I clearly recall us three joking and having fun there. And all those early years in the 80s and 90s when Sherry and I were married, Margrethe had that crazy Budweiser neon light in her living room window. I thought so much of Margrethe, her independent nature, funny personality, quirky attitude, politics so strong and directly opposite to ours. Never forsaking real friendship for anything, she supporte me remotely in the years I was Sherrys carepartner. I wont ever forget how good a friend she was and I loved her as such. I am sorry she left so quietly and quickly. I believe that she and Sherry are having a wonderful reunion. Bill*

Bill Rodgers - August 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a beautiful obituary. I was a twitter fan of Margrethe's from shared passions: the Braves, Falcons, Resistance, and of course Taiji, she taught us of the devastation & heartbreak. She was a delight and a champion. I'd think of her & you every time bad weather came through Buford & of course your dogs... I am heartbroken at this earthly loss but I know she is fighting on in Heaven. She will not be forgotten. God bless you all.*

Minta (Rick) Elder - August 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *What a great loss, but she will live in our hearts forever.*

Chris mason - July 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Thoughts and prayers for family and friends. Sadly missed and never forgotten.*

Doug and Linda Henderson - July 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *Germ and Nancy,*

I will always be grateful for my time spent with Margrethe. She was always there for me and I would move mountains for her. She was a shining star for all of us, and now I will look up at the sky every night to find her??

Debra

Debra Edghill - July 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ *Germ Ordorff and family and friends,
I just received word this morning of M's untimely passing. I'm Skeezi D. Byrd's -- slave would have been the best description -- and M now flies free with him. Muskogee Traditions tell us that Those Who Go Before Us go to their family campfire in the sky (the milky way). We can go out after dark, look skyward and 'see' the family fire and speak with them and they will answer us in the Language of One Above (silence). This world has lost so much with her passing over. May you find Peace. RJ*

RJ Noack - July 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Margrethe, over the years we've become so close.. This past year has been so tough for me, I've lost a lot of friends. Every time I would post on facebook about another friend I've lost, Margrethe would stop by Antonetas that day JUST to give me a big hug and tell me she is here for me and how sorry she was. THAT was the kind of person she was, going out of her way just to put a smile on her friends faces and make sure they knew everything would be alright! Fly high baby love you

Christina Latigona - July 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I was really just starting my trip on getting to know you. Your kindness and witty sarcasm will be missed.

Dennis Desinise - July 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Germ to you and your family. So very sorry to read and hear about your wife. So many times spent at your house and at the Crew. My family prayers to you and your children. We still remember you and all your contributions back at the Crew. Your friend, Richard

Richard Moyer - June 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Thanks for memories. I enjoyed working with you at Macy's. You will be truly missed.

Ajay and Christina Thaliath - June 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

YC

“ My sincere condolences to family and friends. She was indeed special. She has touched many lives and will be remembered in all our hearts. I will miss you and think of you often.

Yvonne Catena - June 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I would like to express my deepest condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. May you find comfort in the words of Revelation 21:4 "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." My prayers are with you...

Karen Denise Muex - June 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Just letting Germ Orndorff know we back here in Waynesboro are thinking about him.

Dale Brewer - June 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Fly high my friend You will be missed

Janice Snead (Tillman) - June 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Love you my dearest friend. I will miss our walks, our texts and our times shared. Every time I look at my wedding rings or my dress or the chime on my porch, I will think of you. I will never forget our friendship. I miss you so much and always will.

Donna FitzGerald - June 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *May God comfort you during this difficult time.*

Gerald Bradfield - June 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM