

## Rebecca Trader Obituary



TRADER, Rebecca Reames, 83, passed away peacefully on February 18, 2024 in Richmond, VA. Becky was born on November 13, 1940 in Hollywood, Florida, the daughter of Mary Butler Yeuell and Benjamin Franklin Reames, Jr. She graduated from Emory University in 1962 and earned a Master's Degree in Social Work at Tulane University. Becky began her career as a social worker in Atlanta, GA. She then moved to Richmond, VA where she spent the remainder of her life. She worked as a social worker at Westbrook Psychiatric Hospital and for Dr. George Bright, providing drug counseling and rehabilitation. She met J. Edwin Trader and they married in 1974. Becky and Ed shared a love for boating, fishing and crabbing at Cole's Point, VA. A little known fact, in 1984 Becky was the first woman in

Virginia to get a commercial crab pot license. Another of Becky's passions was gardening. She enjoyed a large vegetable garden for many summers at Cole's Point and later, as a resident of the Cedarfield community, her garden was featured on the Cedarfield Garden Tour. Becky was a proud, active resident of Cedarfield, serving on the Welcoming Committee and often entertaining old and new friends in her beautiful cottage.

Becky was preceded in death by her parents and her husband and is survived by her brother, William Reames (Barbara), nephew, Brian Reames (Leigh), and nieces Robin Reames Atwood (Harry) and Lindsey Reames Claud as well as seven grand nieces and nephews and one great-grandnephew.

Although Becky had no biological children, she is survived by Neill Cameron and Sara Cameron Lahmann to whom she referred as her children. She was known as "mom" to Michael and Jerry Fisher of Coles Point, VA who survive. She was very proud to be host parent, "Mommy Becky," to 27 of University of Richmond's international students, a role she embraced with her whole heart as evidenced by their continued devotion to her long after their graduations, even coming back to assist in her care in her final months. Becky was also a devoted "dog mom." She was preceded in death by Shelties Daisy, Sunshine, Breezy and Chester and is survived by beloved Havanese, Gus, who has found his forever home with the Robert Johnson family.

Becky was an adventurous traveler whose destinations included every continent on Earth. Becky had a strong Christian faith, loved music and was a believer in the value of the arts. She often played hymns on her piano for herself and participated joyfully in the Handbell Choir at St Stephen's Episcopal Church. Becky will be remembered for her philanthropic nature and contributions to the Richmond Symphony Youth Orchestra Program. She also established the J. Edwin Trader Fund at the University of Richmond in 1996 which enables U of R international students on visas to attend events of cultural, literary, musical, artistic or historic interest.

In lieu of flowers, consider donations to the following: The J. Edwin Trader Fund: International Studies Program, 28 Westhampton Way, University of Richmond, 23173; Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 6000 Grove Ave, Richmond, VA 23226 or The Richmond Symphony Foundation, Inc.: 612 East Grace Street, Suite 101, Richmond, VA 23219, memo: Richmond Symphony Youth Orchestra Program.

Family and friends will gather at The Clubhouse at Cedarfield on March 2, 2024 from 2 to 4 p.m. to remember Becky.

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