

Nancy Stark Klath

1941 -July 11, 2020



Nancy S. Klath, age 79, of Princeton, New Jersey, died on July 11, 2020, at home.

She was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and resided in the suburbs of that city, where she attended public schools. She graduated from Wellesley College in 1963 where she majored in history, and received a master's degree in information science from Drexel University in Philadelphia in 1968.

After leaving Wellesley she worked for a year in Boston as a pension trust analyst for the New England

Mutual Insurance Company, and following marriage to Norman in 1964 they moved to Brooklyn Heights in New York City, where she began part-time work as a researcher for the Grolier Society. In 1966 the couple moved to Princeton, NJ where they have resided since.

Following her degree from Drexel, she began a career as a professional librarian at Princeton University. She spent 28 wonderful years working in various capacities both in public and technical services, ending up as Deputy University Librarian for eight years and finally as University Librarian for two years. She retired in 1996, one year after her husband retired from JP Morgan.

Together they pursued a long-standing interest in gardening, with a large greenhouse and extensive outdoor perennial gardens, where over the years they hosted many garden tours, primarily for benefits of local nonprofits but also for membership groups like the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and the North American Rock Garden Society. The couple also traveled extensively following their retirements. Even while

both working, they took annual vacations in Barbados in February, a tradition that continued for nearly 45 years with over 50 visits. They traveled extensively throughout Europe, including the Baltic, Mediterranean, and Black Seas. England and Scotland were each visited at least once annually over a period of 15 years, along with numerous visits to France, Italy, Spain and Norway. They also traveled widely in North America, particularly to the Northeast and Midwest, where they had family and close friends, as well as numerous times to Arizona and Canada. Nancy loved to swim, needlepointed continuously, and read widely, especially history and mystery books.

She served many years on the Council of the Friends of the Princeton University Library, including two years as President. She also served six years on the Council of the Friends of the Princeton Public Library, as well as numerous years on the Board of the Princeton Adult School and as co-chair of its lectures committee. She was an active member of Community Without Walls House 5 from its initial establishment until her death.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Marie G. Stark and Hawley E. Stark. She is survived by her sister, Emilie Kaden and partner Nancy Tobias of West Newton, MA; by nephew Joshua Kaden and his wife Giulia Cox of New York City; by nephew Matthew Kaden of Memphis, TN; and by nephew William Schmiedeskamp and his wife Carie Levin of Mason City, IA. Also surviving is Nancy's husband of 56 years, Norman R. Klath of Princeton, NJ.

Memorial donations may be made to the Princeton Medical Center Foundation or the Princeton Senior Resource Center. Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.