

Obituaries

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DeJONG, Maryl



DEJONG Dr. Maryl Lynne De Jong (nee Fletcher), loving wife of Dr. Diederik De Jong, passed away on Saturday, August 8, at Hospice of Cincinnati, at 66 years of age. She leaves her beloved mother, Maryl Fletcher, her sister Lucy Stucky (Arnie) of Battle Creek, Michigan, her twin brother Douglas (Melody) of Cincinnati, and her sister Marty Mihaly (Rob) of Cleveland. Uncles, aunts, nephews and nieces share their sorrows at her death, as do her many Dutch relatives. In her 35-year career as an Art Professor, Dr. De Jong taught at Raymond Walters College and Clermont college and was the recipient of numerous prestigious awards and honors in the field of Art Education. She retired from teaching in 2004. Among her outstanding awards and honors were the Sir Herbert Read Award of INSEA, the International Society of USSEA, the United States Society of Education through Art, and the Kathy Connors Award of the National NAEA Women's Caucus. She was a Distinguished Fellow of NAEA and OAEA and presented art workshops, and art exhibitions. She held professional offices in many art associations. Maryl and her husband were world-travelers, visiting more than 100 countries in their 43-year marriage. Maryl requested that no memorial service be held. She willed her body to the Body Donation Program at UC. Friends may make a donation or send flowers in Maryl's name to Hospice of Cincinnati, Ohio 45242. The wonderful services and loving care of the Hospice staff will long be remembered. Or they may make a donation to the Breast Cancer Alliance of Cincinnati, P.O. Box 42505, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242. Marty Mihaly wrote the following poem, "Warrior Woman" about her dear sister: "Warrior Woman" "With only her human body and the character of her soul as shield, my sister, the warrior, battled the beast that is cancer Thrust and parry incircling battle subdued the beast who slept for a decade but with one eye open For long years the spoils of war Life and Hope reigned supreme and the beast slept but always with one eye open Then one day the beast awoke...Battle resumed and my sister, the warrior, fought with Courage Grace and Dignity enough of each for an entire army The beast has conquered body but not soul My sister, the warrior remains victor of all she surveys: Life while it lasts Love - always

Funeral Home: Dejong
Funeral Date: --



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