



Sherbourne "Sherby" Everett McGrath

January 4, 1946 - June 3, 2024

Sherbourne Everett "Sherby" McGrath passed away on June 3rd, 2024 at her home in the Lakes of Litchfield.

Born on January 4, 1946 to the late Grover Woodrow Everett and Nell Clingenpeel Everett, she grew up mainly in Greenville, NC.

In 1993, Sherby and her husband of 54 years moved to DeBordieu Colony, built a house, met new friends, played golf, watched the tide roll in, savored the local food in area restaurants, traveled a lot and just enjoyed the Lowcountry lifestyle.

When Sherby graduated Wake Forest University in 1968, career choices were opening for women, and she went for it. She was a reporter/feature writer for The Sun in Baltimore, MD and later a senior writer for The Rouse Company, developers of nearby Columbia, MD. It was also in Baltimore that she met her husband, James C. McGrath, whom she married on April 11, 1970.

For the next 23 years, she and Jim lived in the Washington DC & New York City areas. In DC, she worked for U.S. News & World Report and was a staff aide at the White House during the Nixon administration. While in the New York City area, she freelanced, was a special writer for the Princeton NJ Packet, and Public Information Officer for the Summit, NJ Board of Education.

Also in Summit, she was very active in the Junior League and its commitment to voluntarism which she brought with her.

She became active locally with the Women's Board of Georgetown Hospital, MUSC Hollings Cancer Center's Citizen Advisory Council and Tidelands Health Foundation.

A parishioner of Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church in Pawleys Island, Sherby chaired the first & several subsequent Tastes at Pawleys fundraisers for Father Pat's Lunch Kitchens. She edited the church newsletter for 7 years, wrote the history of the parish's first 25 years and served on the parish finance council.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a brother, Grover Woodrow Everett, Jr. She is survived by her husband, James C. McGrath; a niece, Susan Everett (Peter Riccio), Boulder, CO; a nephew, Mark Everett, Tucson, AZ; and a special grand-niece, Ella Everett Riccio, Boulder, CO.

Memorials can be made to Tidelands Hospice, 2591 N. Fraser St., Georgetown, SC, 29440; Healthy Learners, 2711 Middleburg Dr., Suite 304, Columbia, SC 29204; St. Christopher's Children, 14323 Ocean Hwy., Unit 4143, Pawleys Island, SC 29585; or to a charity of one's choice. A memorial may be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Walter Batista lit a candle in memory of Sherbourne "Sherby" Everett McGrath*



Walter Batista - July 24, 2024 at 03:59 PM

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She was very friendly and cordial and helpful in my first year at Rose High School in Greenville in Mr. Mac's home room.

Rest in peace Sherby!

Walter Batista - July 24, 2024 at 04:02 PM

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“ I am fortunate to have had the honor of knowing Sherby since our years at Wake Forest University in the early 1960's. Although our careers took us in different directions, we had the good fortune to reconnect when my husband Brian and I moved from Atlanta to DeBordieu Colony in 2002.

Sherby was a good and true friend. I could always count on her to "tell it like it is" but always with humor and levity. Somehow she never forgot a birthday or anniversary. Our birthdays were 7 days apart and she loved reminding me "just remember, I will always be younger than you."

She had an extraordinary gift for "connecting" people. Shortly after our move to DeBordieu, Sherby and I discovered that my 5th grade best friend, Susan Laughter (Meyers), became her life-long best friend after Susan's family moved from Albemarle to Greenville. Sherby arranged for the three of us to "reconnect" at the Barnes & Noble bookstore in Mt. Pleasant, SC, with the caveat that Susan and I had to see if we could "recognize" each other (after 47 years?!).

What an amazing life, exemplified by so many accomplishments and unselfish acts of caring, kindness and generosity. Sherby will continue to be a source of inspiration to all whose lives she touched.

Beverly Freeman - June 08, 2024 at 07:54 AM