



Adele Slocum

August 5, 1925 - January 23, 2013

Obituary for Adele Slocum

Adele Slocum of Hollowville, an extraordinary gardener, dedicated library volunteer and determined traveler, has died at the age of 87.

She died Jan. 24, 2013 after a long illness brought on by post operative complications.

Mrs. Slocum moved to Columbia County (part-time in 1968, and then full time in the 1980s), after a career in New York City as an editor and writer, including serving as editor of the award-winning Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center magazine.

With her late husband John Slocum, she worked tirelessly to create extensive and beautiful flower gardens. She was a member of the Rock Garden Society and participated in the Garden Conservancy Open Days. She brought her editor's exactitude to horticulture, memorizing countless Latin names and studying growing patterns and potential with determination.

She served on the board of the Claverack Free Library, and helped to develop a popular program series, featuring art historians, authors, musicians and Yoga instructors.

Born in New Haven, CT., in 1925, she was the daughter of Peter Trenchi and Evelyn Gangi Trenchi, both of whom immigrated from Italy. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 1948, and moved to NYC to begin her career. Throughout her life, she found time to travel widely, often to less well-

known destinations.

Mrs. Slocum is survived by her stepson Peter Slocum, his wife Ann Sayers, of Keene, NY., their two daughters, Emily Slocum of Manhattan and Molly Slocum Smith of Darby, MT.; three nieces, Lorraine Ferrell of Franklin, TN., Susan Henninger of Bartlett, TN., Barbara Trenchi of San Diego, CA.; a nephew Peter Trenchi of Sewanee, TN., and several grandnieces and nephews; and special friends Tom Carty and Howard Van Lenten of Hillsdale. The family wishes to thank the staff of Community Hospice of Columbia/Greene and Whittier Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for their competence and kindness.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Adele Slocum's memory to the Claverack Free Library and the Columbia-Greene Humane Society. Friends and family are planning a memorial gathering in the spring.

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Barbara Trenchi - January 27, 2013 at 01:24 AM

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Barbara Trenchi - January 27, 2013 at 01:23 AM

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“ We are so sad to learn of the passing of Adele. A lovely lady who I had the pleasure of knowing through our Claverack Library Book club . My husband served with her on the board of the library. We send our condolences to her family , she will be sorely missed.

Kathy & Sedat Pakay

Kathy Pakay - January 26, 2013 at 12:54 PM

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“ I knew Adele only slightly, and only in the last few years of her very well-lived life, but I was always so impressed by her indefatigable enthusiasm and energy for community events--especially when the Claverack Library was involved. Despite her frailty, she was always there, a lovely, lovely presence. She will be missed in Claverack.

Enid Futterman - January 26, 2013 at 09:29 AM