



Marilyn Hackett Marbrook

July 10, 1938 - June 4, 2022

Marilyn Hackett Marbrook of Germantown, publisher, editor, sailor, balloonist, artist, died June 4 at Health Alliance Hospice, Kingston, after an arduous struggle with lung cancer.

Marilyn was born in Germantown, Pennsylvania, and grew up in Spencer, North Carolina. She was a National Merit Scholar at Queens College, Charlotte, NC. She worked for the Winston-Salem Arts Council and the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel, where she met her husband, Djelloul (Del) Marbrook, who survives her.

She subsequently worked for the National Endowment of the Arts as administrative assistant to the poet Carolyn Kizer, who directed the NEA's literary program. Marilyn was the first publications manager for the former Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, and when the LEAA became the Bureau of Justice Statistics of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, DC, Marilyn became its publisher, a position from which she retired in 1999. Her name appears on thousands of BJS publications. She and her husband then moved to Olivera in Ulster County and then to Germantown two years later.

Marilyn served on the vestry of Christ Church in Hudson

and earlier on the vestry of Saint Gregory's Episcopal Church in Woodstock. She also held positions when she lived in Washington, DC, at Saint Alban's Church and Saint Paul's Church.

Marilyn studied art at Columbia-Greene Community College and often exhibited her work there and at other regional venues. She helped her husband manage more than 250 paintings and mixed media works by the worldrenowned artist, Irene Rice Pereira, and she subsequently assisted art researchers and curators as they inquired into Pereira's career. She and her husband also managed the estate of Pereira's younger sister, Juanita Guccione, her husband's mother, whose paintings are now widely exhibited and written about.

She and her husband were ardent sailors and lived on a 37-foot sailboat for 11 years.

She was his close collaborator, editor and proof reader in the publication of more than 20 books of poetry and fiction in the last two decades.

Possessed of a photographic memory, she could refer to a vast array of books and leaves a considerable library.

Marilyn is survived by her daughter, Darya Marbrook Miller of Baltimore, Maryland, a special education teacher in Baltimore County, Darya's husband, Steven B. Miller, a retired Merchant Marine chief engineer, Matthew Miller, a grandson, a sister, Margaret H. Murphy, a retired federal bankruptcy judge in Atlanta, Georgia, Margaret's daughter, Mary Margaret, also of Atlanta, and four cousins, Marcia Whited of South Portland, Maine, Grace Whited of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Joanne Davidson of Melbourne, Florida, and Jennifer Pennington of Duluth,

Georgia, Shann Whited of Charlottesville, Virginia and Peyton Whited of Bozeman, Montana. Marilyn was the daughter of Eleanor and Joseph Hackett of Spencer, NC. Her grandfather, Patillo Fowler, was Spencer's mayor throughout the Roosevelt Administration.

A memorial service will be held at Christ Church at a later date.