



Jacqueline Sparks

July 21, 1950 - November 3, 2022

Jacqueline Sparks of Richmond, Rhode Island, passed away peacefully on November 3, 2022, at the age of seventy-two. She was preceded in death by her parents, A.O.B. “Gus” Sparks, Jr., and Patricia Reynolds Sparks, her brothers A.O.B. “Tav” Sparks, III, and William Dodson Sparks. She is survived by her son Mark Polozzolo of Narragansett, Rhode Island, her sister Patricia Sparks Lyndon and brother-in-law John F. Lyndon of Athens, Georgia, and her partner Martin Lepkowski of Wakefield, Rhode Island.

Jacqueline was born in Macon, Georgia. She was a professor of Couples and Family Therapy in the College of Health Sciences at the University of Rhode Island. She wrote and trained extensively on the use of systematic client feedback in psychotherapy to promote client voice and choice. Recently she was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Society of Ethical Psychology and Psychiatry, which stated in part, “Jacqueline Sparks has made an indelible mark on conventional clinical psychology and psychiatry “

Most importantly, she cherished and supported her family, friends, and community. She adored New England and her love of nature knew no bounds. She often stated that nature was her rock that helped to ground her. She loved the ocean and its shoreline, trees, and the changing of seasons. She was committed to protecting and saving the planet.

Jacqueline loved all types of music, from bluegrass to “Southern Rock,” jazz and classical. She played the guitar and violin, contributing her skills to a local string orchestra.

Jacqueline will be greatly missed by her family and her many friends, colleagues, and students.

In the stillness, Jackie will let herself be known to you.

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“ *I was so sorry to hear of Jackie's passing. We were classmates beginning at Alexander III. It was not surprising that she had so many wonderful accomplishments throughout her life. Always a sweet and kind person. I extend my sympathy to her family.*
Nancy Stevens Noble

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