



Lucy Swope Yarian

April 22, 1937 - November 6, 2022

Lucy Swope Yarian, 85, of Livingston, NY, died peacefully of a sudden illness on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at Columbia Memorial Hospital. Born in Philadelphia, PA, she was the daughter of the late Isaac and Elizabeth (Hanson) Swope. In Hudson Lucy was a self-employed artist and owner/operator of Lucky Dog Press where she wrote, illustrated, printed on a letter press, and handbound books for children and adults mostly about animals. She also created a collection of cards she called the Propergander Cards with imagery and sayings about our relation with animals. In Vermont while running a diversified farm with her husband, Stan, she taught poetry and art in schools throughout the state, and in 2010 was recognized by the Vermont State Legislature for her contributions to the arts and education in the state. She leaves behind a devoted family of her husband; four sons and their spouses, Tom, Andrew and Nancy, Lee, Jeremy and Jenn; her siblings Thomas H. Swope, Mary Hill Swope, and Julia Child; her grandchildren Elizabeth, Emily, Isaac, Jake and Aaron. Lucy was predeceased by her sister, Elizabeth Collins. She loved her stepson, David Yarian and wife Fia and their three sons, Benjamin, Samuel and Jonathan; and her stepdaughters Susan Ryan and husband David and their daughter Jessie and son Jake, and Rebecca Stange of Maine.

At her request burial was in the Natural Burial Ground at the Town of Rhinebeck Cemetery where a private ceremony was observed by her family on November 9, 2022.

Previous Events

Burial

NOV 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Town of Rhinebeck Cemetery
55 Mill Road
Rhinebeck, NY 12572

Tribute Wall

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“ I'm very sorry to learn of Lucy's passing. I knew and admired her in Burlington, Vermont in 1975-76. I also had the privilege of knowing Tom, Andrew, and Jeremy during that time. Having thought about her many times over the years, I found her online about 15 years ago and called her. We had a lovely conversation. Lucy had such natural grace, warmth, and intelligence. She truly sparkled. I send condolences to all of her family, who I know must miss her terribly.
Lila Havens
Boise, Idaho

Lila Havens - January 07 at 05:25 PM

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“ Dear Stan and family,

We were so sad to hear of Lucy's passing, but thankful to have known each other as neighbors in West Fairlee. Lucy made me feel immediately welcome with her wonderful smile and the bones collection! We still have a couple of items of her work in the house. We are still using some of the hay equipment you so graciously passed on to us, although the oomph to make hay is waning. Please know we are thinking of you and regret missing you on your visits to the old stomping ground.

You are in our thoughts,

Laurie Hildebrandt and Paul Modern

Laurie - November 13, 2022 at 12:34 PM