



Leslie Marella Horton Parker

August 25, 2015

Leslie Marella Horton Parker, 60, of Portsmouth VA, passed away Tuesday, August 25, 2015. She was born in Hollywood CA to Cameron and Viola Horton.

Leslie graduated from Eau Claire High School in Columbia SC and received her BA in Art and German from Berry College in Rome GA and her MFA in Theater and Speech from the University of SC in Columbia SC. She also studied Art History in Europe with Dr. Marie Quinsac, with an emphasis on Post-Impressionism and Abstract Expressionism. Studies in theater included work with Dr. Russell Green of Harvard School of Drama. As a recipient of the Margaret Kopenhaver Award in Education, Leslie was chosen to study with Dr. Howard Gardner of Harvard University, she author of "Multiple Intelligences". She also received her Teaching Licensure from Texas A & M

Ms. Parker was an accomplished artist and instructor at Studio One at Riverview Gallery in Portsmouth. Her paintings have been featured in exhibits throughout the southeast, and in the March 2009 issue of American Art Collector magazine. She was a most enthusiastic, fun loving, and passionate teacher to many adults, as well as children, allowing them to develop their own unique, artistic styles. She was a former member of the Chesapeake Bay Artists Association and a volunteer for the Tidewater Arts Outreach, Portsmouth Children's Museum, and at the Portsmouth Arts and Cultural

Center. Leslie served on the History Commission, as well as on the board of Supporters of Portsmouth Public Art. She was also the city representative to the board of the Cultural Alliance of Greater Hampton Roads.

Leslie's beautiful, generous, fun, creative spirit, love of people, life, and laughter, will be celebrated Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 11 am at St. John's Episcopal Church, 424 Washington Street in Olde Towne Portsmouth. A procession to Trinity Episcopal Church, 500 Court Street, Olde Towne Portsmouth for interment and a reception will immediately follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Trinity Episcopal's Children's Ministry where Leslie worked as the Assistant Director of the Children's Ministry.

Leslie is survived by her son Cody C. Parker of Richmond VA, her mother Viola Horton of Columbia SC, sister Celva M. Horton of Savannah GA, and two brothers, Gary C. Horton and Edward L. Horton of Lexington SC. She is also survived by her very special friend Robert Scholes of Portsmouth VA. She was preceded in death by her father Cameron Horton. Her positive, encouraging outlook & infectious smile will be greatly missed by many. Portsmouth has lost a truly special lady.

Funeral services will be held Thurs, Sept 3, 2015 at 11 am at St John's Episcopal Church, 424 Washington St, Portsmouth VA.

Tribute Wall

DD

“ Leslie was a very sweet and giving lady! It was an honor to know her and share her friendship. May she rest in peace. Our thoughts and prays go out to her family and especially to Cody. What a wonderful person who made the difference in so many lives that she touches. With Love The Didio's

Dona Didio - September 03, 2015 at 08:23 AM

JC

“ Leslie was a beautiful person and great artist. she has a great smile! I am glad I knew her and got to learn about art. Peace be with the family .Our thoughts and prayers our with you. We will miss her. love, Judy C.

judy creecy - September 02, 2015 at 11:17 PM

RJ

“ Rene Johnson lit a candle in memory of Leslie Marella Horton Parker



rene johnson - August 31, 2015 at 01:54 PM

DF

“ A true woman of faith, Leslie will be missed by all that had the chance to know her. She was an amazing artist, a true friend to those in need, and just a joy to be around. Rest in Peace Leslie.

Dan F. - August 31, 2015 at 10:32 AM

SN

“ *Leslie was one of the most beautiful, generous and talented women that I had the privilege to know. To her son and family I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Susan Neumann
Berry College 1973-77*

Susan C. Neumann - August 31, 2015 at 06:14 AM



“ *Leslie was a sweet, kind soul who will be deeply missed in Portsmouth. Prayers for her family.*

Kathy Werneke - August 31, 2015 at 05:43 AM

KT

“ *Kathleen Tomecek lit a candle in memory of Leslie Marella Horton Parker*



Kathleen Tomecek - August 30, 2015 at 08:46 PM

KT

My condolences Aunt Vi, Gary, Greg and Celva. I loved Leslie and will sure miss her.

Kathleen Tomecek - August 30, 2015 at 08:47 PM

DP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Leslie's family. We feel your sorrow so far away. Although much time has passed since school, one can never forget Leslie's radiant smile she shared with us all. God has chosen another angel.



*Doyle and Jean Presley - Atlanta, Ga.
Eau Claire High School '72 & '73*

Doyle Presley - August 30, 2015 at 07:06 PM

DB

“ What a great person and Portsmouth fixture Leslie was. Our sincere condolences to Cody and family.

The Deborah Brunick and Russ Chandler family.

Deborah Brunick - August 30, 2015 at 04:32 PM

RR

“ My sincere condolences to Leslie's family. I share the sorrow of all of us who knew her. It's especially difficult for those of us who knew Leslie when we went to school or church together so many years ago...it's hard to think that the sweet, smiling, and loving soul that blessed us even in those early years as no longer here. What a gift her life has been to so many, across so many years and miles. We miss you Leslie. Thank you for all that you have done.
Rev Charles H Roberts--ECHS '72

Rev Charles Roberts - August 30, 2015 at 01:07 PM

JM

“ Leslie can be remembered as one of the appointed members of the Portsmouth City History Commission who really cared about the rich history of this Colonial-era settlement. In doing so, Leslie found herself ensnarled in the politics of a community little concerned about 'pre-emancipation' Portsmouth when the United States of America ended the rule of Great Britain. Leslie contributed to an understanding of the expansion of the "PORTSMOUTH-GOSPORT" urban core into the 'STEWART MANOR' waterfront as the Hampton Roads community expanded in the wake of Great Britain's departure.

from a fellow member of that frustrated group who labored at Portsmouth City Hall to illuminate the true history of Portsmouth in the eighteenth century.

jBrewer Moore

John BREWER MOORE - August 30, 2015 at 08:39 AM