



Tracy Ann Muchoney Dussia

June 9, 2026

Tracy Ann Muchoney Dussia, age 74 of Chesapeake, Virginia passed away peacefully at her home on June 9, 2026. Born at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. to Mildred Ann Muchoney and William Edward Muchoney, Sr.

Raised in Alexandria, Virginia, Tracy graduated from Old Dominion University where she completed her studies to become a teacher, a role she pursued from a young age. An advocate of civil rights, Tracy served as a Social Studies Teacher in Portsmouth Public schools for 38 years and additional 6 years at Churchland High School as an adjunct instructor in the dual enrollment program to help her students get a head start on college courses. Her career included serving at both Manor High School and primarily at Churchland High School where she served as the Department Chair for most of her career. She was awarded Teacher of the Year for Portsmouth Public Schools Secondary Level in 2013. She served in the Virginia Council of Social Studies in various capacities and was ultimately elected President of the Virginia Council of Social Studies in 1996.

Tracy was genuinely passionate about her role as a teacher and felt it a great responsibility and opportunity to convey concepts to her students that they could use in their lives. Many of her students recognized and appreciated her organizational skills and lauded her teaching style quipping she “spoke the

same language,” understood them, and communicated on a level they could relate to. She was a big fan of garage sales and scoured them for unusual coffee mugs; she filled these mugs with treats and inspired items to gift to her students with a “Cup of Knowledge” upon their graduation. She touched the lives of thousands of students with her patient and determined pursuit of our civil history and instilled the value that each and every individual has the power as well as a responsibility to make our world a better place. Tracy had a great love and comprehensive grasp of Virginia, US history, and government. She particularly loved Colonial Williamsburg and her hero Thomas Jefferson.

Tracy was preceded in death by both parents, Mildred Muchoney and William E Muchoney, Sr., and her brother, William "Billy" Muchoney, Jr. She is survived by her brother Douglas Muchoney, sister Kelly Muchoney Johnson, her children's father David Dussia, son Daniel Dussia, son Matthew Dussia, and his wife Lauren and her four grandchildren Luke, Micah, Benjamin, and Clara.

Tracy was a loving daughter, sister, mother, and grandmother as well as friend and mentor to many. She is and will forever be so very loved.

In honor of Tracy's memory and in lieu of flowers, the family requests support for local teachers in the form of classroom supplies and book reading programs to “pay it forward”. The celebration of life will be a private family gathering.