



Madison High School

Madison Tennessee

1955 TO 1986



Madison Alumni lost but *NOT* forgotten!



Class of 81



Daphene Minchey Wachs

Died: Mar 8, 24

Malden: *Minchey*

Obit: (April 4, 1963 – March 8, 2024) peacefully departed this world among family in Nashville, Tennessee.

Daphene is preceded in death by her parents Layton T Minchey, Mary Alice (Sadler) Minchey and grandparents. She is survived by her husband, Randolph Wachs, son Christopher Smith, step-daughter, Mary Rachel Wachs, granddaughter, Aubree Smith, Robert (Joyce) Minchey, Marion Ann (Montez)Carter, Dianna (Jack) Key. She has many cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles and two adoring dogs, Addie and Mack.

Born in Madison, Tennessee, Daphene spent most of her childhood in the greater Nashville area. She attended Gateway Elementary and Madison High School (1981).

Daphene worked many years with the Anderson-Austin News Group before embarking on her second career at Music Mill Entertainment where she enjoyed being involved in helping bring music to the world.

In recent years she with her husband and four legged family spent much of their time in St Maarten; her “happy place” and second home. Daphene enjoyed travel, good food, time with close friends, family, music (especially country and classic rock and roll). Time on the open sea brought her happiness and peace.

One of Daphene’s passions in life was the love and caring of animals. Were I to have let her, we would have had a small zoo on the island. She loved baby goats, monkeys, whales, sea turtles, hummingbirds and most especially, dogs. When involved in any cause, Daphene left her distinctive mark. She was often quiet but when she spoke her words always had meaning. Some found her a bit blunt, others realized she commanded a level of street smarts of more value than most PHDs.

Passionate about life, she lived it on her terms. So quiet, but a force of nature..... Anyone who knew her enjoyed her quiet wit; extraordinary devotion to those she called family and friend; love of nature; good humor and unfailing attention to detail. Daphene seemed to have an encyclopedic knowledge of areas she found interesting.

Daphene was deeply spiritual. She didn’t attend a specific church regularly; the great outdoors was her place for reflection and worship.

She will be greatly missed by family and friends.....

In lieu of flowers we ask that donations be made in her name to the following:

Fighting the scourge of cancer is our goal. Fighting for children faced with this menace, is the front line. Daphene can fight on with your help. We invite you to participate in the cause:

Saint Jude’s Children’s Hospital

Animal welfare, and the love of her island meant so very much to Daphene. If you would like to help establish a better world for pets (and humans) on our beloved, St. Maarten, consider giving:

St Maarten Animal Welfare Service

<https://tinyurl.com/SXM-Animal-Rescue-Donations>

There will be a Celebration of Life service on April 1 from 6 to 8 PM

Location: Urban Grub

2506 12th Ave S.

Nashville, TN 37204

Details:

Valet Parking Available

Drinks and Appetizers will be served

Another Celebration of Life will occur on the island of St. Maarten at a date and location to be determined. (If you would like to be notified of details regarding the island service, please contact Randy Wachs directly via email, text, or 'phone.)



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