

## **The Reverend Kathie Davis Thomas**

Kathie was a wife, mother and special friend to many, as well as a teacher, minister, and artist. After a long illness, she passed away peacefully on 14, 2022 at age 78.

Born in Wilmington, Delaware, she graduated from Alexis I. du Pont High School, where she met the love of her life, and later husband, Roger B. Thomas, Jr. (Tom). Kathie and Tom were married for 32 years. She graduated from Mt. Holyoke College in 1965 with a degree in zoology. While Tom was serving in the Navy, Kathie taught high school biology in Michigan, Maryland, and North Carolina. She also taught as a substitute teacher at her high school and at Wilmington Friends School.

Kathie was a longtime parishioner at the First Unitarian Church in Wilmington. She later received a Master of Divinity from the Lancaster Theological Seminary and was ordained into the Unitarian Universalist ministry. She served several congregations and during her work as an interim minister at the Plainfield church, she supported families who had lost loved ones on 9/11. She was a champion of the power of love to heal and a true believer in the understanding that our lives belong to the universe and return to it when we pass on.

Kathie is survived by her daughters, Dr. Karin E. Thomas, Dr. Kristin T. Nagy "Kris"; Kris' husband, Daniel; granddaughter, Elise; sister, Margaret D. Porter "Peggy" and husband James Porter "Jim"; niece, Kathie's daughters recall with joy many of the activities their mother created for them – Holiday cooking, decorating, and enjoying nature. Her energy, effervescence, and spiritual education guided her daughters to be free-thinking and successful adults.

The family will gather on Earth Day, Saturday April 22, 2023, for a Celebration of Life at the First Unitarian Church, 720 Halstead Road, Wilmington, DE. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to "The First Unitarian Church (in name of) Rev. Kathryn D. Thomas. Contributions will go to the youth religious education program at the church. Condolence cards may be sent to Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington, DE 19809. SCHOENBERG MEMORIAL CHAPEL