



## Elizabeth Ann Tarpley

November 10, 1949 - August 16, 2021

Dr. Elizabeth Ann Tarpley, formerly of Woodbridge, VA, and more recently of Salt Lake City, Utah, passed away on August 16, 2021, after quickly succumbing to cancer which she had successfully kept at bay for many years. A longtime friend provided tender care and was by her side.

Liz, as she was known to all, was born on November 10, 1949, in Richmond, VA. She was a graduate of the College of William and Mary (1971) and of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry (1982). Liz was a General Practice Dentist, also specializing in Traumatic Dental Injury and Dental Emergency. She served clients at Lakewood Dental Care in Woodbridge, VA, which she owned and managed for over 25 years. She loved her work, valued her patients and her staff.

Liz had a passion for adventure, enjoying travel, biking, kayaking, charades, gardening, and cooking. After retirement, she became an ardent Jin Shun Jyutsu practitioner, generously sharing this healing modality with friends and neighbors. She also participated in daily meditation with Dr Joe Dispenza's organization.

In addition to her parents, Maryle Jones Tarpley and James Lynwood Tarpley, and her step-mother, Jean Morris Tarpley, she was predeceased by her sister, Virginia Gail Tarpley (Fain), and her niece, Allison Stuart Harding.

She is survived by her sister, Marilyn Sue Tarpley Apirian and her husband, Lloyd, and by her sister, Amy Tarpley Strong; nephew Colin Harding and nieces Brittney Strong and Chloe Strong.

Liz donated significant time to the Prince William SPCA as she had a particular concern for abused and neglected animals. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to this organization at P.O. Box 6631, Woodbridge, VA, 22195 ([pwspca.org](http://pwspca.org)).

A celebration of her life will be held at a later time.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elizabeth Ann Tarpley*

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“ *I am a nurse at the Huntsman Cancer Center in Salt Lake City. Elizabeth was one of my patients. She was such a delight. I am so glad that I got to know her. She was always interested in me and what I was doing. We would share ideas and plans. I will miss her!*  
*Ann, RN*

**Ann** - September 21, 2021 at 03:25 PM



“ *Dr. Tarpley was a kind, caring dentist and an expert in cosmetic dentistry. I was her patient for at least 15 years, until her retirement. She improved my whole outlook on life by improving the appearance of my teeth. She always made time to chat with me, especially about books we each had read since my last visit or trips that we each had taken. I can see her furiously writing down book titles as I rattled them off.*  
*My favorite memories of Dr. T arrived in the December mail...the creative Christmas cards she and her staff sent out. I still have those tucked away somewhere and when I bring them out it will bring a tear and a smile. Thank you, Dr. T for being such a wonderful person.*

*Rosemary Wolfe*

*Bristow, VA*

**Rosemary Wolfe** - September 14, 2021 at 03:03 PM