



Lydia "Lil" Sheaffer

January 20, 1950 - December 1, 2021

Lydia Sheaffer (nee Thompson), known to most as Lil, was a kind, gentle soul, died on Thursday December 1st, 2021. She was dedicated to her creative pursuits, including ceramic and textile art and design work. She loved to garden and took great joy in cooking for others. She also loved to hike and spend time with her friends, family, and pets. She grew up in a Protestant household, but in her 40s she also embraced Tibetan Buddhism, taking vows and engaging in several long retreats. She was an active member of the Shambala Center of Philadelphia, where she enjoyed the company of other community members and practitioners. The later part of her life was consumed by her struggle with Alzheimer's, though most people remember her warm heart and her cheerful laugh and smile. She is survived by her husband, Matthew Sheaffer; her children, Camille Leavitt and Benjamin Leavitt; and three brothers and a sister. A memorial service is planned for the Spring. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Lil's memory to Brandywine Valley SPCA www.bvspca.org