



Mary "Mary Beth" Nelson Nutt

October 9, 1947 - January 27, 2025

Mary "Mary Beth" Nelson Nutt died peacefully in Tallahassee on January 27th. Born October 9, 1947 in Fort Worth, Texas, she was the youngest daughter of Leroy and Marjorie Nelson. As a child of a military father, Mary Beth lived in multiple cities growing up including Shreveport, LA, Tampa, FL and Jackson, MS. A love for classical ballet blossomed early in life. She studied with the Tampa Ballet as a child and went on to be the Captain of the University of Southern Mississippi's dance team – the world renowned, Dixie Darlings in the mid-1960s.

After college, Mary Beth married and moved to Panama City, Florida where she raised her two children. She worked in telecommunications and retired from AT&T after over 40 years of service. Her greatest joy in life besides raising her two children was advocating for adults with disabilities. As she called them, people with "special abilities". Mary Beth's passion in this area led her to begin volunteering and then working for 10 years at Chautauqua Learn & Serve Charter School, a place for young adults with disabilities. Those years at Chautauqua became her purpose in life and her greatest accomplishment. In 2020 she moved to Tallahassee to be near her daughter and three grandchildren, Cooper, Camryn and Parker Bradley.

She is survived by her sister Myrna Mary Nelson Ingham (Charles), her daughter Leigh Ann Nutt Bradley (John), son Ryan M. Nutt and three

grandchildren, Cooper, Camryn and Parker Bradley.

A private graveside service will be held to honor and celebrate her life at a later date. Todd Wahlquist is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com).

Tribute Wall

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“*Mary Beth Nutt and I were very close friends in the 1970s before we all had children. She and I talked at least once a day, and she knew my extended family as well. I loved her dearly. Mary Beth was a beautiful person with a lot of class. She was kind and thoughtful. I remarried in 1980 and moved away from Panama City in 1983, so we gradually lost touch. I have wanted to visit her in the past year, but I wasn't sure where she was and how to get in touch with her daughter. I know her daughter and her son were her life after she and Mike divorced. Please know that your mother was a wonderful person who had a heart of gold.*

Martha Noyes - Cataula, GA

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