

Patricia Ann Hardman, 69, died Monday, Aug. 21, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

She was born in Tallulah Falls to Dr. and Mrs. Charles T. Hardman. She graduated from North Habersham High School and the Emory University School of Nursing. She completed advanced classes at Columbia University in New York to become a rehabilitation nursing specialist. She then joined Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, where she worked for 30 years as a rehab nurse before retiring in 1992. She also served as a member of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, where she attained the rank of lieutenant colonel before her retirement in 1996. She served as admissions liaison officer for the Air Force Academy and earned the Air Force Meritorious Service Award.

She was appointed to the Georgia Workmen's Compensation Advisory Board by Gov. Jimmy Carter in 1974. She also participated in the organization of the Georgia Chapter of the American Rehabilitation Nurse Association and served on its board of directors. She served on the utilization review committee of the Atlanta Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center and joined other doctors and nurses in creating a free clinic for transient teenagers without insurance or funds to pay for medical care. She also volunteered at Grady Memorial Hospital, where she served as an assistant in pediatric care.

She spent the last 32 years of her life in Atlanta but visited the family home in Tallulah Falls often. She was a member of Shallowford Presbyterian Church in Atlanta and Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority.

Survivors include: a niece, Laura Ann Hardman Rose of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; and a nephew, Charles T. Hardman of Augusta.

Memorial services are planned for 2 p.m. Saturday at Tallulah Falls City Hall. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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