

Harriet McKnight "Frissy" Peden, of Highlands, was born in Conway, S.C., on Aug. 16, 1944. She died on Oct. 5, 2007. Her parents were Dr. Robert Ross McKnight Jr. and Harriet Frierson McKnight.

She was a graduate at the University of Georgia in special education. Until Frissy was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1982, she taught hearing-impaired children in Augusta, Ga.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Robert Ross McKnight III; and her sister, Jacqueline McKnight Hatcher.

She is survived by her husband, W. Creighton Peden; son, Paul Taylor York and granddaughter, Kylie Shea York of Augusta; brother, Philip Taylor McKnight of Atlanta, Ga.; a sister, Robin McKnight Armstrong of Eagle River, Alaska; stepdaughter Lisa Peden Patzer and grandchildren, Tyler Mark Patzer and Laci Rose Patzer of Atlanta; and stepdaughter, Elaine Peden Foster and grandsons, Jason Hollis Foster and Beau Peden Foster of Atlanta.

Frissy and Creighton moved to Highlands, in 1990, for the purpose of developing the Highlands Institute of American Religious and Philosophical Thought. For many years, Frissy was subscription manager of the American Journal of Theology & Philosophy, which is the official journal of HIARPT. She also was the photographic historian for HIARPT. For the past 16 years, Frissy has served as a volunteer at Head Start in Highlands.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 1 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home in Highlands.

In place of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Journal of Theology & Philosophy, P.O. Box 2009, Highlands, NC 28741, or to The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box, 4527, New York, NY 10163, or at www.frissy.org.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences are available by visiting www.MeM.com.

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