



## Everette C. "Peach" Gazda

January 21, 1948 - June 16, 2018

Port Orange, FL - Everette Caton "Peach" Gazda died on June 16, 2018 and she is not at all happy about it. Hers was not an ordinary life and she didn't go willingly.

She was born on January 21, 1948 in Oak Park, IL and raised in California before moving to Saigon with her parents during the Vietnam War. After three years in Saigon, she and her parents moved to Bangkok where she met her husband, Richard, a pilot in the Air Force. Nearly three years in Thailand and Peach moved back to the states to be with Richard.

She was married to Richard in Oakland, CA on January 1, 1972. Their daughter Stefanie was born on December 22, 1977 and they settled in Rye, NH where they lived for the next 30 years where they operated Whippoorwill Farm.

Peach graduated from Blackford High School in San Jose, CA in 1965. Her education was not traditional. She studied at the University of California, Santa Cruz before moving overseas and received her Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of New Hampshire in 2000. She received her Master of Fine Arts in Creative Nonfiction Writing from Vermont College of Norwich University in 2003. She was a prolific painter, writer, and an unapologetic liberal.

She is survived by her husband Richard Gazda of Port Orange, FL; her daughter Stefanie Gazda, son-in-law Jeffrey Holcomb, and granddaughter Audrey Holcomb of Newberry, FL; her sister Judy Hana and brother-in-law Hank McLaughlin of Lakeport, CA; her sister-in-law Susan Caton of Vancouver, WA and her three children and their families; her sister-in-law Arlene Walker of Venice, FL and her two children and their families.

A Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated at 10 AM on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at St Theresa Parish, 815 Central Rd., Rye Beach NH. Burial will be in the Central Cemetery, Rye, NH. A reception will follow in the St. Theresa Parish Hall. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cedar Key Dolphin Project ([www.cedarkeydolphinproject.org](http://www.cedarkeydolphinproject.org)). Donations will go towards offering research experiences for non-traditional students.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **30**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Spruce Creek Country Club  
1900 Country Club Dr.  
Port Orange, FL 32128

# Tribute Wall



“ *Everette C. "Peach" Gazda*

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September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Peach was such a talented person and diverse personality. I met her during her cooking years and her catering business, but really got to know her through Girl Scouts and mutual friends. I loved visiting the farm in Rye, getting to know the pot belly pig, Nigel, and the many other animals she took care of. She was creative and artistic; I still have a beautiful piece of stained glass she made for me. But mostly I will remember Peach for our many verbal discussions on the meaning of words, correct pronunciation, and proper grammar which came up in the middle of nowhere and were all done in good fun. We did make each other laugh, and I will miss her terribly. Love to the family. Cindy Lee*

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**Cynthia Lee** - July 10, 2018 at 07:35 AM



“ *Dick and Stef, Peach was such a delight at Vermont College. She became my best friend, confidant, and co-conspirator. In the years since, we didn't see each other much but stayed in each other's lives. There's a hole in my heart that will always be there. I loved her very much. My thoughts are with you. I know what you meant to her.*

*Patsy Glenn*

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**Patsy Glenn** - June 27, 2018 at 12:24 AM

~P

“ Stefanie and Dick,

*I am so sorry to hear of Peach's passing. I have many fond memories working for you guys on the farm in Rye, when I was growing up. I truly learned what hard work is and like to think it is there, where I developed my work ethic. I appreciate every opportunity I was given, your family has touched my life more than you will know . Peach was always there to offer a cold drink of water after a long day of haying! You will be missed Peach, but never forgotten.*

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**~Seth Prince** - June 25, 2018 at 04:46 PM

KM

“ I am so grateful to have known Peach, quite literally one of the most interesting people I've ever met. My deepest, most sincere condolences to the family, I know she will be greatly missed. Kelly Maxwell, Peach's former personal trainer!

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**Kelly Maxwell** - June 25, 2018 at 10:28 AM

JD

“ Stef,  
*So sorry about your mom. Even though I never met her, I remember that she used to sign things for Mme Chamberlain's French class as "Peché", rather than Peach. Thinking of you.*  
-Jen Decker

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**Jen Decker** - June 24, 2018 at 02:26 PM

MD

“ So sad to hear  
*Marianne DeFossey and Bonnie McKenney*

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**Marianne Defossey** - June 24, 2018 at 02:04 PM

AJ

“ We have fond memories of our dance lessons together and the infamous dance recital . Also many fond memories of a fun cruise with Chiles when Peach's earring became detached from her ear. Life was always so interesting when she was around. She will be missed. Our condolences to you and the family.  
Lowell and Anne Johnston

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**anne Johnston** - June 23, 2018 at 09:53 AM