



Terri Ellen Donsker

September 24, 1950 - May 16, 2017

North Hampton – Terri Ellen Donsker, 66, of North Hampton, beloved wife of Dr. David B. Donsker, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

Terri was born on September 24, 1950 in Duluth, MN, a daughter of Mary (Mix) Felsenberg recently of Hingham, MA, and the late Lawrence B. Felsenberg.

Raised in Duluth, Terri graduated from East High School with the Class of 1968 and went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. She met David Donsker, the love of her life, while in college and they were married in 1971. Terri and David lived in St. Paul until David finished medical school and then onward to Seattle for David's residency at the University of Washington. They relocated to Rye in 1978 and eventually settled in North Hampton. Terri completed her Master's Degree in Joint Literary Studies from Brandeis University in 1994.

Terri was an incredible woman. She was a gifted folk singer and guitar player and a talented and award winning photographer whose art has been displayed in many local venues. A true passion was gardening and horticulture. She was a member of the Massachusetts and North American Cactus & Succulent Societies and an active member of the Exeter Area Garden Club. She loved the lure of travel centered on both culture and birding

and had literally seen the world. She and David visited all seven continents. Her love and fascination for penguins made her trip to Antarctica her most treasured destination.

Terri was an inspiration to all who knew and loved her. Despite a lifetime of physical adversity, she maintained an effervescent spirit and a positive outlook. She embraced life and lived it to her fullest. Her wide smile was infectious and ever-present.

In addition to her husband, Dr. David B. Donsker, MD and her mother, Mary Felsenberg, Terri leaves brother Steven Felsenberg and his wife, Stephanie Kaminsky of Clarksville, MD, her sister, Celia Felsenberg and her husband, Douglas Brenner of Brentwood and her brother-in-law Dr. Robert Donsker, DDS and his wife Susan of North Oaks, MN. She also leaves her beloved nieces and nephews, Sarah Nieminski and her husband, Michael, Samuel Brenner, Joshua Felsenberg, Naomi Felsenberg, Maxwell Donsker and his partner, Ann Skinner, and Mayme Ellen Donsker and her husband, Loren Witcher, as well as her three grand nieces, Goldie, Ramona and Mayme Corrine.

A celebration of her life will be held from 10 AM to 12 PM on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at the Seacoast Science Center in Odiorne Point State Park, 570 Ocean Boulevard, Rye, NH 03870. If desired, memorial donations may be mailed to New Hampshire Audubon, Attn: Annual Fund, 84 Silk Farm Rd., Concord, NH 03301 or made online at www.nh Audubon.org/join-donate.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Seacoast Science Center in Odiorne Point State Park
570 Ocean Boulevard
Rye, NH 03870

Tribute Wall



“ *Terri Ellen Donsker*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Terri Ellen Donsker.*



June 13, 2017 at 07:56 AM



“ *I enjoyed Terri's enthusiasm all the time she came to the Cactus and Succulent Society meetings, and am saddened to here of her passing. She should have had many more years!*

Chris Jankot - June 01, 2017 at 06:22 AM



“ *I always looked forward to seeing Terri and the wonderful smile of hers that lite up the room at the Art In Bloom Art Show. She always made me feel special when really she was the one so very talented. Like everyone who knew her I too will miss her.. My sincere sympathy to you David
Lynn Joslyn*

Lynn Joslyn - May 25, 2017 at 07:09 PM

ST

“ David...Steve and I thinking about you and Terri and all the fun times we had as "young ones" moving to the Secoast in the 70's. Sending sincere condolences to you. Lots of great memories...
Sue & Steve Tober



Sue Tober - May 24, 2017 at 09:06 PM

AB

“ So sorry to hear that Terri has passed away. I never got to meet her but we had much correspondence about Sansevierias and the article she wrote for our journal. Sincere condolences to her family.
Alan Butler
President International Sansevieria Society

Alan Butler - May 21, 2017 at 02:20 PM

MC

“ Dr. Donsker, I'm so sorry to learn of Terri's passing. She was such a gentle woman, always radiating positivity and a wonderful outlook on life! Her smile lit up the room, and each time she visited us at Seacoast, we stopped what we were doing to partake in her kindness. I'm blessed to have known her.

*Mary Ellen Cail
Helena, MT*

Mary Ellen Cail - May 21, 2017 at 08:19 AM

DW

“ I just came across Terri's obituary on line and am so saddened to hear of her passing. I knew Terri through the Exeter Area Garden Club when I lived in North Hampton. She was such a talented woman with her photography and gardening skills. I have some happy memories when she hosted various gatherings of the garden club at her home and shared her beautiful gardens. My deepest sympathy to David and her family

*Dorothy Williams
Bethlehem, NH*

Dorothy Williams - May 20, 2017 at 07:57 AM

RJ

“ I'm so sorry to learn that Terri has left us. I got to know Terri through the NH Society of Photographic Artists and the NH Art Association. I particularly enjoyed working with Terri to hang the annual NHSPA Exeter exhibits as she formed a vision of how the entries should be arranged. Good natured arguments between Terri and those of us hanging the show sometimes resulted in minor adjustments, but the shows consistently reflected the artistic integrity of her vision. We will miss her.



Ron St. Jean - May 19, 2017 at 07:32 PM

SC

“ I was saddened to hear of Terri's passing. I knew Terri through her photography and was excited when Terri would call and arrange a time with me to hang an exhibit. I was privileged to hang her work on penguins which I know was close to her heart. I always admired Terri's strength and fortitude she was a remarkable women.

Sarah Coorssen

Exeter Hospital Art Association

Sarah Coorssen - May 19, 2017 at 06:37 PM

SF

“ Dr. Donsker, I am so very sorry for your loss. Terri was such a sweetheart and when she came into Seacoast to visit she was always so bubbly and happy, which was infectious. Please know that we are all thinking of you. Sincerely, Sarah FitzGerald

Sarah FitzGerald - May 19, 2017 at 01:08 PM

DI

“ Dick purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Terri Ellen Donsker.



Dick - May 19, 2017 at 10:17 AM

JB

“ *Terri was a gifted plantswoman and skilled photographer, and we at the Cactus & Succulent Society of Massachusetts have missed her these last couple of years. I love the photo you posted here, that's how I want to remember her. Our sympathies to all her family and friends.*

Jean Butler

Jean Butler - May 18, 2017 at 04:24 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Terri Ellen Donsker.*



May 18, 2017 at 02:05 PM