

Patricia (Trish) Clark Tugwell Burkhart

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Patricia (Trish) Clark Tugwell Burkhart of Todd/Boone, NC died at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital on March 30, 2013 surrounded by family and friends.

She was the daughter of Mary Ann M. Tugwell of Greenville, NC and of the late Clarence Bennett Tugwell. She was preceded by death by grandparents James H. and Marguerite Murphy of Brooksville, FL and Lewis Tadlock Watkins of Greenville, NC.

Trish was a native of Greenville, NC, graduating from J. H. Rose High School in 1981. After high school she graduated from Lees McRae (1984) and Appalachian State University (1986) with double majors in Education. Trish is survived by her sons, Joshua Bennett Burkhart of Raleigh, NC and Sergeant William Michael Burkhart Fort Lewis of Washington State, and their father Robert C. Burkhart of Lexington, KY. She is survived by brother William (Bill) Bennett Tugwell of Greenville, NC, one niece and nephew Clark Tugwell of Chapel Hill, NC and Will Tugwell of Greenville, NC, and one aunt Pat D. Hemphill and John of Melbourne, FL.

Trish attended Deerfield United Methodist Church and devoted her life to many ministries. She led a women's bible study every week for women in the local jail, she volunteered at the Hospitality House (Homeless Shelter) in Boone, as well as traveled to Uganda, Africa and Hattie on mission trips. In addition, she ministered to Indian Reservations in Oklahoma each summer. Trish was a devoted teacher to many students over her 25 years as an educator in the Christian and Public school systems. She loved nature, whether in the mountains or at the coast, Trish found great pleasure in hiking, kayaking, gardening, swimming, boating and bicycling. Her most treasured role was that of a Christian, mother and teacher and embraced each of these roles with love, compassion, enthusiasm, laughter, dedication, integrity, selflessness and honor.

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A celebration of Trish's life will be conducted Wednesday afternoon, April 3, 2013, at 2:00 o'clock, at Alliance Bible Fellowship in Boone. Officiating will be Reverend Evelyn Lemons.

The family will receive friends following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospitality House of Boone, PO Box 309, Boone, North Carolina, 28607, or to Deerfield United Methodist Church, 1184 Deerfield Road, Boone, North Carolina, 28607.

Online condolences may be sent to the Burkhart family at www.hamptonfuneralinc.com.

Hampton Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of the arrangements.