



Dawn Sharp

September 6, 2016

Dawn Sharp, 80, of Sarasota, died on September 6, 2016.

She was a native of Bradenton and a graduate of Sarasota High School. She made her debut one magical Christmas Eve at the Ringling residence, Ca' d'Zan. A member of Sigma Kappa sorority at Florida State University, where she received many leadership awards, Dawn earned B.A. and M.A. degrees and did extensive doctoral studies in administration of higher education.

During her teaching career, she taught English and Speech at Miami High School, Druid Hills High in Atlanta, St. Petersburg Junior College, and FSU.

Dawn co-founded the Sarasota Film Festival and served as a director. She served two terms as president of the Tallahassee Theatre Guild. She directed a number of public events at the Governor's Mansion for Governor and Mrs. Bob Graham. She belonged to St. John's Episcopal Church in Tallahassee and Church of the Redeemer in Sarasota.

A devotee of good conversation, books, theatre, and cats, Dawn often delighted her friends with poetry recitations. Her nieces and nephews looked forward to Christmas packages full of curiosities, from huge stuffed animals to gummy bears.

Dawn was predeceased by her mother, Helen Caldwell Mooers, and is

survived by her brother, Robert F. Sharp (Florence) of Sarasota and Asheville, North Carolina, her cousins, Rosalie Caldwell Mack (Mackie) and Tom Caldwell, of Punta Gorda, and a coterie of nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, and friends.

Visitation will be at 1 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m. on September 21 at Toale Brothers Funeral Home in Sarasota.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sarasota Film Festival, 332 Cocoanut Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236.

Tribute Wall

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NatalieVog - September 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Auntie Dawn was a long time "member" of our family. I remember Auntie Dawn as Tiny Tilly when the Sailor Circus was in its infancy, on Ihrigh Field...that would have been in the early 50s. She and I laughed many time remembering those days. And she remembered every single word and line that made up her role as Tiny Tilly...and she taught me those word too. Never a dull moment when Auntie Dawn was around!! Dawn was loved by each and every member of the Kirkconnell family!! She was one of us, and we all loved her so !!! She will be remembered by us all, With happy memories and sad hearts, Donna (Kirkconnell) Bailey

Donna Kirkconnell Bailey - September 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Bob and Florence, I was saddened to read about Auntie Dawn's passing, For over 65 years she was part of our family at holidays, celebrations and other family events. She always brought and wore her red boa. She was one of a kind and will be sorely missed. May she rest in peace. Fondly, Dede Kirkconnell

dede kirkconnell - September 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM