

Avery D Nelson

June 16, 2024

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Text: Avery Nelson (Dickinson) of Bethesda MD (class of 1961) passed away on June 16, 2024, at the age of 84.

Born in New York City on March 21, 1940, she was the daughter of Raymond L Dickinson and Mildred E. Dickinson. Avery's maternal lineage took pride in a St Johns, British-Canadian heritage that predated the American revolution. Her father's ancestry appears to bear a distant connection to Emily Dickinson. Miss Ella Dickinson (class of 1898), Avery's great aunt, was a member of Mount Holyoke administration during Avery's student days.

After attending Mount Holyoke College, Avery received a PhD in Anatomy from Duke University. Her professional life included a faculty position at Johns Hopkins Medical School, and postdoctoral work in Basic Neuroscience at the National Institutes of Health. After taking a decade off to raise two children, Avery became fascinated by various schools of Alternative Medicine, studied with great enthusiasm, began a small clinical practice, and was a mentor to many.

Avery married Ralph Nelson (Amherst 1967) in 1972. They met at a Johns Hopkins Biophysics Department party. At the time, Ralph was a graduate student in Biophysics and Avery was an Instructor in Neuroanatomy. Their honeymoon was a trip through Scandinavia. Avery is survived by her husband Ralph, her son Brooke, her daughter Meredith, and altogether, five grandsons. Avery was a passionate mother, and a second mom to many. Perpetually upbeat, she cared about, loved, and helped everyone she encountered. She took great joy and inspiration from nature, and all of its creatures. She was loved by all, and the extensive knowledge she accumulated about allopathic and alternative paths to health and healthcare will be greatly missed.

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Birth Name: Avery H Dickinson

Deceased Date: 06/16/24 Reunion Class(es): 1961

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Relations...:

Nathan, Meredith N. - Daughter

- Source: RLA

Nelson, Brooke H. - Son

- Source: RLA

Nelson, Ralph F. - Widow(er)

- Source: RLA

Employment

Employer	Start Date	End Date	Position
Home Practice	10/28/07	07/03/08	Craniosacral Therapist
National Institute of Mental H			Biologist
Harvey Nelson, Phd-Home Practi	07/04/08	07/01/11	Craniosacral Therapist
Self-Employed	07/05/11	06/15/24	Craniosacral Therapist
Johns Hopkins Univ Sch Med			Faculty

Volunteer

Organization	Start Date	End Date	Role
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Education

Institution	Degree	Date Rcvd
Mount Holyoke College	AB	06/01/61
Duke University	PHD	05/01/70
Duke University	MA	