



## Demetra (Dee) Valvanis

10/31/1947 - 12/15/2015

Demetra (Dee) Valvanis, age 68, passed away peacefully on December 15, 2015 from complications due to Alzheimer's Disease. She was born on October 31, 1947 in Haverhill, Mass. to T. William and Esther Valvanis.

Dee was raised in Ann Arbor and was a graduate of Ann Arbor High School and the University of Michigan where she earned a B.A. in History in 1969. She worked as a Social Worker for Wayne County Department of Social Services in the Office of Children and Youth Services for 30 years. In 1990 Dee was awarded the Services Worker of the Year. Dee retired in 2002 and was busy until the onset of her illness. She loved film, theater, literature, museums, and traveling. At Christmas, her friends and family looked forward to her special homemade boxes of chocolates. Dee was a kind and giving person and volunteered with many charitable organizations in the local community. Dee was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor and made many friends through the First Singles fellowship group. She was also a regular office volunteer. Dee was a devoted and beloved sister and aunt and is survived by her sisters Martha (Paul) Millis and Paula (Richard) Muhs and her nephews Alexander (Rachel) Muhs and John Muhs. She was preceded in death by her parents. Dee spent her last years as part of the family at Highland Alzheimer's Care Residence in Jackson, MI where she received exceptional, loving care. Her family is grateful for the love and support of the staff at Highland. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will take place in Monteith Hall at First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor on January 30, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. followed by a light luncheon. In Lieu of flowers, the family would welcome memorial donations to the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor or a [charity of your choice](#) .

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