

## Faith Dickhaut Kindness

Shelburne Falls, MA - Faith Dickhaut Kindness (01/06/1946 - 11/16/2023), born in Waltham, Massachusetts, and longtime resident of Western Massachusetts, left this earthly realm on November 16, 2023. An outstanding visual artist whose talents ranged from stained glass to poetry, Faith's life path included time as a teacher and a librarian. Her writing was published in journals in multiple journals. Faith also placed as finalist in the Franklin County Poet's Seat Contest. *The Art of Waiting, A Poetic Memoir*, Faith's book of evocative poetry, artful sketches and photos, was published in 2018. This book traced the time from the autumn of 1968 to December 1969 when Faith lived in Okinawa with her husband for his tour of duty in the U.S. military.

A loving sister, Faith is survived by her brothers and their families, Don Dickhaut in Florida, David Dickhaut in Virginia and Richard Dickhaut in New Mexico. Faith shared her deep love of creation with a legion of friends and was part of and led poetry and memoir-writing groups. An avid traveler, Faith regularly visited family, her mother Margaret in Florida, and brother Don. Wherever she went, the playing of Scrabble was a time-honored activity. Like her mother and brothers, Faith was an excellent, fiercely competitive Scrabble player.

When not enjoying concerts, Faith and Massachusetts friends spent many a summer in Maine and Cape Cod. From yoga, tai chi classes and cooking a rich array of vegetarian meals to singalongs from Rise Up Singing, Faith explored all that life offered with boundless enthusiasm, and loved her orchids. Her loving spirit and legacy will live on in the many whose lives she touched.