



Susanna Buffum Goodwin

June 13, 1938 - December 24, 2024

Susanna Buffum Goodwin, age 86, passed away on December 24th, 2024 of natural causes after a long illness. The only surviving child of Thomas and Beatrice Buffum, she grew up in New York and New Hampshire and graduated from Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. She moved to the Washington, D.C. Metro area with her then-husband, Kenneth Goodwin, and was a resident of Rockville, Maryland for many years.

In the 1970's, Susie became a wildlife rehabilitator, working with organizations such as the Audubon Naturalist Society, the Humane Society and the National Park Service. This included serving as a rescue volunteer for native birds of prey, which earned her the affectionate nickname, the Hawk Lady. She eventually joined the Humane Society's Montgomery County Animal Shelter in Maryland, working with Animal Control and becoming the director of the shelter's adoption program.

In her last years, Susie moved to Manassas, Virginia, to be closer to her youngest daughter, residing at the Fairmount Senior Residence and Uptown Assisted Living. She is survived by her two daughters, Katherine G. Saideman and Elizabeth Berry, and her three grandchildren, Jessica Saideman, Nicole Berry and Samuel Berry. She left behind many memories of a wonderful, fierce, nature-loving woman who taught her children resilience in the face of hardship. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Humane Society or

the World Wildlife Fund.

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“ I remember the squirrel on her doorstep who knew she cared for him even though he was a bit greedy, she said. We saw a hawk when we were driving out to lunch. I loved her deep connection to the birds and the beasts. Her eye was truly on the sparrow! I miss her and I send you my love and condolences.



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