

*In Loving Memory
Genie Genesis Verge
10/11/1940 - 2/25/2011*



Genie Genesis Verge of Littleton and Rye N.H., died peacefully Friday, Feb. 25, 2011, with her life partner at her bedside. She was born Oct. 11, 1940, in St. Johnsbury. Genie was the eldest of seven children born to Helen (Lavature) and Napoleon Verge.

A 1958 graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy, Genie earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from New England College and a master's degree and certificate of advance studies in psychotherapy and counseling from the University of Maine (Orono). She had completed all of her course work for her Ph.D. Her professional life was one of challenge and entrepreneurial accomplishment and included assignments as personal assistant to New Hampshire Sen. Norris Cotton, owner/operator of a health and fitness spa and an instructor of yoga. She was a licensed insurance underwriter and developed pension plans in a four-state area. She started and

operated a professional placement agency for engineers and technical writers. She later opened her own design studio.

Genie was proud of her Native American heritage and embraced her Missisquoi Abenaki origins. As a psychotherapist, perhaps her most rewarding efforts were those spent counseling and directing the outreach program to off-reservation Native Americans residing in central and coastal Maine.

Genie's eye for color and design were vital to her success as an interior designer and a major contributor to the development and success of T.J. Burke Vintage Oriental Rug Co. of Bangor, Maine, Littleton and Rye, N.H. She was a fine artist, expressing her talents in oil paintings and watercolors. Her interest in fine arts led her to becoming involved in the presentation of theater and classical music. She performed on stage and served as a member of the board of directors of Weathervane Theater. She also served on the board of North Country Chamber Players. Genie was currently serving as vice president of the board of directors of the Littleton Studio School.

She is survived by her life partner of 22½ years, Thomas J. Burke of Littleton, N.H.; her two children, son Michael Verge, wife Tracey and their two children, McKenna and Hunter Napoleon of St. Johnsbury, daughter Michelle Verge and Matt Graham of Newark and four children, Krystle, Joshua, Craig and Noah; her two great-grandchildren, Aiden and Zandyn; six siblings, Edward, David, Jacqueline, Donna, Paula and Poley.

A celebration of Genie's life will be observed in St Johnsbury with a gathering of family and friends at Sayles Funeral Home on Thursday, March 3 from 4 to 6 p.m.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated in Littleton on Friday, March 4 at 10 a.m. at St Rose of Lima Catholic Church, High Street.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed to either: The Weathervane Theatre, P.O. Box 127 Whitefield, NH 03598; or the Studio School, Littleton, NH 03561

Memories and condolences may be shared privately with Thomas and family at www.saylesfh.com. Sayles Funeral Home is located at 525 Summer St. in St. Johnsbury.