

Deborah Andrews Ladd Tewksbury, age 82, died on Friday, August 3rd, 2018 at her home in Brattleboro, Vermont. She was born on April 1, 1936 in New York City, the daughter of Henry Ladd and Berenice Langton Ladd.

She was the wife of Kipton Tewksbury. They were married on August 13, 1983 at their home in Brattleboro, VT.. Debby was previously married to John Paulsen, (deceased). She is survived by the three children of that marriage: Alexander Paulsen of Easthampton, MA, April Paulsen Curtis of Brattleboro, VT, and Michael Paulsen of Whately, MA.. Also by much loved grandchildren, Sienna Paulsen, Adam Curtis, Meika Paulsen and Joshua Curtis. She is also survived by extended family, four nieces and nephews and several cousins. She was predeceased by her brothers and former husband, John Paulsen.

Debby's father, Henry Ladd, died when she was five years old of a heart attack. She was raised by her mother in New York City. She attended the Brearley School for Girls in New York City, The Putney School in Putney Vermont, and graduated from Radcliffe College in 1958. She was married to John Paulsen from 1962 to 1974. She worked at the Cambridge, MA Public Library, Montpelier Vt Head Start, Planned Parenthood of Vermont, The State of Vermont Dept. of Libraries at the Regional Library in Dummerston, Vermont from 1972-1996 and lastly at Brooks Memorial Library in Brattleboro, Vermont. Debby officially and finally retired in 2017 as a library clerk. Those who have been served by her and worked with her know that she was so very much more than a clerk.

Debby was a naturalist at heart and thought that she should have gone into horticulture and botany instead of being an english major. She loved the outdoors, flower and vegetable gardening, watching wildlife and walking in the woods. Debby was passionate about words, written and spoken. She loved poetry and was a champion of children's literature. Other cultures interested Debby and she explored her interest through travel and food.

Debby was a lifelong supporter of civil rights, human rights and especially women's rights. Locally she was quietly supportive of several area movements and organizations. She was on the board of, and drove weekly for the Senior Meals program until illness this year prevented her from doing so. She was also involved in Brattleboro Time Trade with her husband Kip.

A celebration of her life will be held at Brooks Memorial Library in Brattleboro on Sunday August 26th from 2-4. The Library currently has a table where anyone may contribute to or write in her memory book.

Those who wish may make a memorial contribution to Friends of Brooks Memorial Library or Brattleboro Senior Meals.