



Bettina H. Ault

November 28, 1954 - November 12, 2024

Bettina H. Ault, age 69, passed away November 12, 2024. Preceded in death by her parents, John Franklin Ault and Margaret Harman Ault. She is survived by her sister, Johanna Trotter (Phil), and a long time companion, Harland Alpaugh.

Dr. Ault was an extraordinary physician and a beloved member of our community. Her compassionate nature and remarkable ability to connect with her patients were truly inspiring. Dr. Ault was passionate about inspiring the next generation of pediatric nephrologists. She encouraged many residents at Memphis to attend Camp Okawehna (camp for children with ESRD and transplants) and to pursue a career in pediatric nephrology, leaving a lasting impact on countless trainees.

Beyond her dedication to patient care, Dr. Ault was a woman of many interests. She was an avid traveler and a passionate plant enthusiast, recently publishing an article for the TN Native Plant Society. Her knowledge of plants was extensive, and she was always eager to share her expertise, particularly at Camp O where she could identify every plant on the grounds.

She loved to play pranks and was always a good sport when the tables were turned. Her ability to laugh at herself and to find joy in the simple things made her a beloved figure among her colleagues and friends.

Natural Burial will take place Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 1pm at Larkspur Conservation.

What to expect at a natural burial:

Dress for an outdoor hike and wear appropriate shoes.

Use the restroom before you arrive, there is no public toilet or running water.

Carpool to Larkspur - parking is limited.

Plan to arrive 15 minutes ahead of time.

Family and friends will be welcomed at the trailhead by Larkspur staff and volunteers.

The casket or body will be in place at the graveside prior to the arrival of family and friends.

Family and friends will hike up the hill into the nature preserve for the burial ceremony.

Words are shared and the casket or body is lowered into the grave by family and friends.

With guidance the family and friends shovel soil into the grave until it is closed.

Hike away from the graveside and return to your vehicle or explore the preserve.

Leave no trash behind.

Cut flowers are welcome.

Cemetery Details

Larkspur Conservation

155 Bear Carr Road
Westmoreland, TN 37186
<https://larkspurconservation.org>

Previous Events

Natural Burial Service

DEC 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Bettina was one of our suite mates at Vanderbilt. She was kind; she studied hard. She gathered mayapple roots from east TN to help with my Medicinal Chemistry project. She encouraged me through a very difficult course that she had already taken. Yes, she did like practical jokes. My fiancé lived in a suite of 6 guys. Bettina somehow spiked their drinks with pyridium, an innocent chemical/drug that turns the urine bright red, It worked! And caused a great deal of alarm!*

We lost touch over the years, and I'm sorry. I know she became a conscientious physician, helped thousands, and was loved.

Jody Schneiter Hendrick

Jody Schneiter Hendrick - May 23, 2025 at 10:29 AM

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“ *Kathleen M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bettina H. Ault.*

Kathleen M. - December 01, 2024 at 03:17 PM