



## Lizbeth Dianne Poitras Leis

October 30, 1950 - April 19, 2021

Lizbeth Dianne Poitras Leis, age 70 of Nashville, passed away unexpectedly yet gently on Monday April 19, 2021 at her home. She was born to Robert Charles Poitras and Dianne Sarah Standing in Portland, Oregon. Liz earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Tennessee in Nashville where she had moved to edit a publication of the Southern Baptist Convention. In the late 1970s Liz joined a coalition of organizations involved in prison ministries, anti-death penalty litigation and prisoner's rights. She then worked at Vanderbilt University before taking time off to care for her two daughters. While her daughters were young, she was active in the PTA, was a Girl Scout Troop Leader, and taught Sunday School. After returning to work as Assistant to the Registrar of Vanderbilt Graduate School, she continued to volunteer her time and energy to her close community. She was a beloved member of West Nashville United Methodist Church and West End United Methodist Church. Voted "Most Creative" in her high school class, Liz added an artful touch to everything she did. She loved quilting, gardening, and reading. Thoughtful and caring, Liz always made others feel included. Whether thrift shopping for baby clothes for low-income families with newborns, or visiting elderly shut ins and being a friend to those sometimes forgotten, Liz always put others before herself. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Leis, her daughters Sarah (Thomas) Bolds and Kathryn Leis, her brothers Paul (Denise) Poitras and Dan Poitras, and her sisters-in-law Nancy Bonagura and Janet Leis. A memorial service will be planned at a

later date when it is safe for gatherings and travel.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lizabeth Dianne Poitras Leis*

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