

NANCY WARD DOCK

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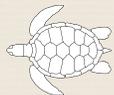
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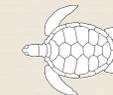
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## Obituary for Nancy Ward Dock

Nancy Ward Dock died at her home in Austin Texas surrounded by her family on February 23, 2015. A long time resident of Swarthmore, PA and summer resident of Swans Island, Maine, Nancy is survived by her husband Stephen Dock, children Nora Dock, Christopher Dock, and Remi Demarest; son-in-law Sean Allen; brother James Ward; sister-in-law Amelia Ingram and grandchildren Amalia, Cole and YeHoon Allen.

Nancy will be loved and remembered for her grace and kindness. She was a devoted wife and mother who expressed her artistic talents through photography and her elegant sense of style. Nancy was a life-long learner who generously shared her wisdom with all who knew her. Her role as a reference librarian brought her great professional success and personal rewards. She enjoyed helping diverse populations access essential knowledge through the gift of the written word.

We ask that you honor Nancy's warmth, wit and compassionate spirit by providing assistance to your local homeless population.

There will be a memorial service in celebration of Nancy's life on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at Friends Meeting of Austin.