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On the morning of July 14 Dee became re-united with her beloved universe, her spirit having been away for a bit while having a human experience. Her body died, but her essential Self did not. She has returned to her spiritual home.

The second daughter of Richard Henry and Daphne Waters Lewis spent most of her childhood in Greensboro, North Carolina with her parents and her very dear sisters Daphne and Dacia, both deceased.

Her twenty-three year marriage to Kalman Levitan ended in divorce, but the union produced two sons: Daved Levitan of Dayton, Ohio and Daniel Levitan of Brooklyn, New York. During her marriage to Rabbi Levitan, who was a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force, she lived a global life. She was married to Paul E. Lane on May 26, 1979 at their home in Dayton, Ohio, and in their years together they shared life's bounty and enjoyed an alliance that was sustained by love and friendship. Paul was with her at her last breath.

Dee left Greensboro for New York City, where she studied voice with Bernard Taylor at The Juilliard School of Music, and her credentials included an artist's diploma and two degrees from that highly respected school. She was a singer in the fullest sense of the word. Her crystalline lyric soprano, her impeccable musicianship, and her uncanny sensitivity to text made her performances special events for her many admirers throughout her years of singing. She was an equally talented and respected teacher and maintained a voice studio for several years as a member of the voice faculty in the Department of Music at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

Although Dee was betrayed by her body toward the end of her life, her spirit remained whole, radiant and unassailable. She was her loveliest song.

There will be a memorial service for Dee at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Fee Lane and the By-pass in Bloomington on July 27 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington. Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Paul and family, I see your fine hand in this tribute to a gifted, loving wife, mother and friend. I haven't been able to visit but the times I shared with you and Dee are very special. She shall always be singing in the choir. Blessings go out to all.

Kay Harris - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

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“ Dear Paul,
It has been a long time since I got together with you and Dee but I still remember those times with pleasure. Dee always shone wherever she was. I send you my thoughts and sympathy.

Antonia Matthew - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM

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“ From one fellow docent to the family of another, you are in our thoughts and prayers during this time.

Please remember Dee as the wonderful woman who reached out to others.

TammyJo Eckhart - October 26, 2015 at 04:10 PM