

In Memorium: Dorothy Johnson Taylor | CPD

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Friday morning, July 24, 2015, a long-time member of the SKI-HI Institute staff, Dorothy Johnson Taylor, passed away in her home in Kirkland, Washington after a courageous battle with cancer.

Dorothy was born May 22, 1943 and grew up in the Washington DC area. She graduated from the University of Maryland in 1965 with a BS in French Studies and moved to Logan in the early 70s.

She first came to the SKI-HI Institute as a work study student in the Communicative Disorders Department while she was working on her masters in Educational Audiology at Utah State University. After finishing this program, she came on board full-time in 1978 as a project and product development coordinator.

Over the next twenty three years Dorothy coordinated SKI-HI trainings, helped to conduct outreach trainings across the country, assisted in writing numerous grants, and worked on many product development tasks. During her last few years at SKI-HI, she was the Co-Director of the Institute.

Dorothy was a beautiful person. She always radiated care and concern for others. She had no dislike or guile in her

for anyone. She never demeaned anyone but always found ways to build up others. Dorothy above all was very genuine and real, and wonderfully herself.

Dorothy was very conscientious...a detail person...a very careful and methodical person. She was a joy to work with professionally. She was organized, efficient and always prepared. She had the rare ability to do excellent technical editing that coupled with her great knowledge made the writing of others shine!

Dorothy was always kind and sensitive at work. She was an excellent team player. She was calm, composed and wise. We all felt comfortable in her presence. We enjoyed working, traveling, doing conferences, writing grants, etc. with her.

Dorothy was a lover of life. She loved good movies, good TV programs, good books and good times. When she was not at work, Dorothy was volunteering in the community with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, singing in the choir at her church, hiking or cross country skiing, and going on bicycle trips with close friends to places such as Scotland, Nova Scotia, and Tetons/Yellowstone. She loved visiting her parents and brothers and their families on the East coast.

In the fall of 2000, Dorothy married Graley Taylor and moved to the Seattle area with him where she lived until her passing. They enjoyed traveling, spending time with his daughters and grandchildren, gardening and weekends at their cottage on a lake, Sunlight Waters.

Dorothy's memorial service will be held at the Inglewood Presbyterian Church in Kirkland, Washington on August 22 at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Church of Mary Magdalene in Seattle; Hopelink in Redmond, WA; the World Wildlife Fund; or Utah State University Advancement Services.