



## Rebecca Rollins Gabriel

June 12, 1941 - January 17, 2023

Rebecca “Becky” Rollins Gabriel passed away January 17, 2023, at her home in Pickens, South Carolina, with the family who loved her, and who she loved so much, with her during her final days. Becky was the heart of her family, a family that included her beloved dogs. It was a heart that only knew love, and as the family grew so did her love.

Becky was born in Greenwood, South Carolina, graduated from Greenwood High and attended Winthrop College before going on to become a successful commercial artist. She never considered herself an artist but her family and friends knew better. She was creative in both her work and her life. She was also a voracious reader who preferred traditional paper books.

She met her husband Julius “Jay” Gabriel at the South Main Street Baptist Church in Greenwood in 1960. Jay’s aunt introduced the two of them. That led to many walks through the woods of their nearby homes. A year later, on September 3, 1961, the two were married at that same church. Two years later their daughter, Julie, was born.

Jay’s work took them to a number of cities throughout the Southeast and Southwest, but in 1985 they returned home ending in Pickens, South Carolina.

She is preceded in death by father, William “Buddy” Rollins, and mother Vivian Holsonback Rollins. She is survived by husband, Julius “Jay” Gabriel; sister, Alice Castengera (Michael); daughter, Julie Gabriel Ray (Greg); granddaughters Hannah Ray (Mikel) great grand-daughter Venecia; Claire Dorsett (Drake) and great grandsons Dash and Jett.

A memorial service for the family will be held at a later date at Oak Brook Cemetery, Greenwood, S.C., where her mother and father rest. People wishing to honor her memory can make donations in her memory to Pickens County Humane Society, 500 5 Forks Road, Liberty, South Carolina, 29657.