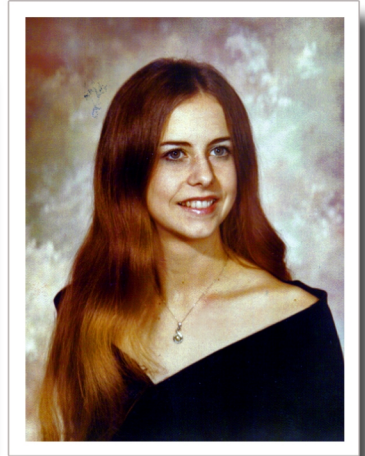


Dixie Dee Benton Stucky

October 11, 1953 - June 22, 2013



I Shall Be Happy

If, before I die, I can do but half the things I plan
I shall be happy.

My life shall be a full and joyous course.
If I can stand beside a man so strong and tall
Or give courage to a child about to fall
Or give aid to a soldier in the field
Or give wisdom to a mind once slow to yield
I shall be happy.

I will die in peace without remorse.
If, along the line, I make a friend
Or help someone a broken-heart to mend
Or if I can give much more than I am asked
Or for a life my own I gladly risk
I shall be happy.

And I shall be a tired but happy corpse!

-Dixie Benton, 1972

