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**MARGARET P. SMITH-BURKE**

SMITH-BURKE--Margaret P. Margaret "Trika" Smith-Burke, Born September 6, 1943 in Princeton, NJ, to Albridge C. and Margaret Smith: died peacefully at home in SoHo, NY on October 13, 2014, after a brave battle with colon cancer. A graduate of Miss Fine's School (1961) and Vassar College (1965) Trika received her Ed.D from Rutgers University in 1975. She was formerly married to New York artist Michael Burke. As a professor at NYU from 1975-2007, Trika was passionate about making reading pedagogy more effective. She also worked hard to assure that young women scholars received the support they needed to become successful literacy researchers. She served as President of the National Reading Conference. At NYU Trika led the way in establishing the Reading Recovery Project, an early intervention program which trained teachers and teacher

leaders, working directly with school districts, teachers, and students as well as national and international Reading Recovery programs. She always enjoyed teaching students one-on-one and developing strategies for struggling readers. She adored her long-time friends and loved to make new friends and mentor young people. She delighted in the arts, attending operas at the Met and dance at the Joyce Theater. She enjoyed mindfulness meditation and quiet time in nature. She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Cary and Gary Hart, her nieces Elissa, Katherine and Laura and their families and many devoted extended family members, friends and students. Her generous spirit and zest for life will be sorely missed. Donations in her memory may be made to The Reading Recovery Project of NYU, 239 Greene St, New York, NY 10003 or the Margaret "Trika" Smith-Burke Scholarship Fund, c/o Community Foundation of the Virginias, POBox 4127, Bluefield, WV 24701

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