



Martha "Marti" Hendricks

May 9, 2025

Martha (Marti) Hendricks, 74, of Greene, Rhode Island, passed away on May 9, 2025. She was born on February 20, 1951, to the late Wayne and Patricia (Atwood) Bridges in Castine, Maine.

From an early age, Marti had an adventurous spirit and a deep love of nature. Growing up on a farm in Bucksport, Maine, and being one of four siblings, she developed a strong connection to the outdoors. Her life was marked by travel and exploration, having lived in Saudi Arabia, Puerto Rico, and traveled extensively throughout Europe. These experiences enriched her perspective and fueled her creative spirit.

Marti was a talented musician, often playing guitar and singing, and she expressed herself beautifully through poetry and various forms of art. Her love of animals, especially dogs and horses, became a significant part of her life. Settling in Greene, Rhode Island, she became one of the preeminent dog breeders in America, known for her ethical practices and the love she poured into every animal in her care. Her dogs brought joy to countless families.

But Marti's impact went far beyond her artistry and love of animals. She was a beacon of resilience and growth for those around her. Marti openly shared her struggles in life, using her experiences to inspire change in others. As a mentor and guide, she helped many overcome addiction and heal from

trauma, offering unwavering support and encouragement.

Marti found peace and love in Greene, where she shared a life filled with joy, tranquility, and mutual support with her soulmate and longtime partner, Joan Hendricks. Together, they cultivated beautiful gardens and a life surrounded by nature's beauty.

She is survived by her beloved partner, Joan Hendricks; her children, Annemarie and Rob Aldrich; her grandchildren, Eli, Piper, and Logan; her sibling Margie and many other cherished relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Patricia and Wayne, as well as her siblings Scott and Tony.

Martha (Marti) Hendricks will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Her legacy of compassion, creativity, and courage will continue to inspire those she touched throughout her remarkable life.

Tribute Wall

PE

“ *May all who loved her find peace. Warmest hugs. Am puttering in the garden today, watering some w tears of gratitude for her heart* ”



peg - May 17, 2025 at 01:27 PM

MA

“ *Margaret Allen lit a candle in memory of Martha "Marti" Hendricks* ”



Margaret Allen - May 17, 2025 at 09:20 AM

MA

I knew Marti for only a short amount of time, given her long life. Yet, her impact on both myself and my life is huge. Her honesty, her laughter, her openness are a treasured part of my memories of her. Her compassion for others was tremendous. I miss her physical presence in my life, but her spiritual presence will be with me as I go forward, and for that I am truly grateful.

Margaret Allen - May 17, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ I knew Marti as a kind person. I grew up across the road from her family and we are distantly related through the Atwood side of the family. She was a lovely person putting up with the antics of her younger sister, Margie, and I, while we ran amuck on their farm. While I have not had contact with her this past years, the memories of growing up with her family are wonderful. I know she will be missed.

Becky Ames - May 17, 2025 at 08:12 AM

JM

*Kind, caring smart, welcoming
An exceptional person.
She will be missed*

Judith Morrison - May 18, 2025 at 04:33 PM



“ I met Marti through Joan at the practice where we worked. She always knew when I was having a bad day and would cheer me up with her kind words. Wonderful, kind, sweet, giving.....my heart breaks for Joan! Rest easy my friend I can still hear your voice! Joan I am thinking of you and sending you love.

Sherry Scales - May 16, 2025 at 05:56 PM

HA

“ As I’ve reflected upon my many years with Marti, the most vivid memory that came immediately to mind was our time while in the US Navy living in the far corner of West Australia in the small town of Exmouth. There we had access to the incredible Ningaloo Reef practically in our back yard. She spent many days and weekends camping on the beach, spear fishing and SCUBA diving with friends in this magical place like no other on earth. Marti was most at home in nature, and was always pushing the envelope of what many would consider in those days as the “normal” role for a wife and mother. Her children continue to exhibit that trait to this day. May she finally rest in peace.

Hap Aldrich - May 16, 2025 at 11:44 AM

EP

“ I met Marti years ago while she visited her sister. Sending thought to Maggi with love and prayers of peace. Rest easy Marti. Eunice



Eunice Preble - May 16, 2025 at 11:11 AM