

Alice D. Clark

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KEENE, NY -- Alice D. Clark, 75, of Alstead Hill Road, Keene, died Sunday evening, October 16, 2005, at her home surrounded by her family and friends. She was also known as "Yaya" to all who knew and loved her.

Born on July 1, 1930, she was the daughter of George and Gisela Dermatis. Alice was raised in Keene, graduated from Lake Placid High School in 1948, and attended Albany Business College. She resided in Lake Placid until 1960 and then moved to West Palm Beach, Fla., where she lived for 30 years, returning to Keene in 1990.

Alice led an active, full life. At the time of her retirement in 1990, she was working as an account executive for Merrill Lynch in Jupiter, Fla. She was an accomplished scuba diver, an avid golfer and was an advocate for brain injury education and support.

After her retirement, Alice continued to live an active life in all seasons. She was a member at Craig Wood Golf Course, an ORDA volunteer for many events, enjoyed horseback riding, fishing and hunting, and was a member of the Lake Placid Curling Club. She was a holder of a senior pass at Whiteface Mountain and loved the thrill of downhill skiing and the quiet enjoyment of cross-country. She was also active in the Hurricane Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club.

Alice was perhaps most proud of her son, Rick, and their support of the Traumatic Brain Injury Center in Plattsburgh, N.Y. Through her and Rick's efforts, the Plattsburgh Chapter of the Brain Injury Association of New York was revitalized and continues to be a vibrant organization today. Alice and Rick also traveled throughout New York State speaking on behalf of brain injury awareness.

Alice is survived by her children; her son, Richard W. Clark of Plattsburgh, N.Y.; her daughter, Pamela Clark Bickle and her son-in-law, Milton I. Bickle of Saranac Lake, N.Y.; her brother, Walter G. Dermatis and her sister-in-law, Joan Dermatis of Plattsburgh, N.Y.; her grandchildren, Jeffery Stuart Gentzler and Alyssa Rae Gentzler of Saranac Lake, N.Y.; many nieces and nephews; and her good friends, Mary and Shirley.

She was predeceased by her parents; and her brother, George Dermatis of Rochester, N.Y.; and an infant daughter, Jane.

Friends may call at the Clark Funeral Home in Lake Placid on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home Thursday, Oct. 20, 2005, at 11 a.m. Rev. Milton Dudley, pastor of the Keene, Valley Congregational Church will officiate. Cremation will follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in Alice's memory be made to the Plattsburgh College Foundation, for benefit of the TBI Center, SUNY Plattsburgh, 101 Broad Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901.