

Vicky "Victoria" D Burgess

April 17, 1945 ~ October 11, 2024

To Eden ,Erica, Seth ,Abraham and Zachary and families. Our time spent with Vicky was always eventful and pleasant. Our condolences and love to you all..

- Wendy and Don Stefiuk

To the family of Dr. Burgess, I had the absolute privilege of having Dr. Burgess as a professor in my undergraduate work at Columbia College in Salt Lake City. She was a tremendous force of nature & she challenged me in ways I didn't realize I needed. Dr. Burgess never failed to speak her truth, I forever respect & cherish the relationship we had after I graduated. We took her communication classes through Community ED to have another opportunity to learn from and enjoy her company. She had just returned from a trip to Greece that summer and we spent an hour or more after class in the parking lot hearing her speak of the vacation & the experiences she had. Dr. Burgess so deeply proud of each one of her children, just as I am sure you are of her and all that she accomplished. She shared that she gave birth and got her degree from Northwestern with one of you in her arms. She showed us that women can and should do anything we desired. Thank you for allowing me to share my condolences with you. She was a huge advocate for me and I will always remember her fondly.

- Allie (Shelley) Diamond, LCSW

I am so sorry to lose my colleague, Vick Burgess. We were collaborators, and she was a mentor who introduced me to "hard-core" professional work that paid off and provided many professional opportunities. Vicky never boasted. But, her accomplishments were beyond belief. I would not have been able to keep up with her pace. So, I listened and learned from her how to be "rough and tough" when needed. She must have learned this from working on her father's cattle ranch. I thoroughly enjoyed learning forensic psychology practice from Vicki. She even connected me to the necessary resources for my professional development in Salt Lake City. Her mentorship was truly appreciated. Plus, Vicky spoke so proudly of her children and their accomplishments. She must have been a dynamic mother who was so advanced as an academician and practitioner. Her children are lucky to have had such an outstanding parent who never showed weaknesses. I remember learning from Vicky that it was okay if people did not like you for what you stood for as a professional. She would often say to me, "".....doesn't like me." I

laugh because now, I know she would have been tough on the witness stand with those forensic cases. I am happy to share my experiences and will remember Vicki as a true feminist for her time. May she rest in peace. Sincerely, Patricia Smith Las Vegas, NV psmith7959@aol.com

- Patricia Smith