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Leland (Lea) Anderson Lewis Dowd 7-31-2017



Leland (Lea) Anderson Lewis Dowd, 65, of Perry, Ga., died Thursday, July 20, 2017, at Gentiva Hospice in Columbus, Ga.

In keeping with her wishes, there will be no funeral services. Memorials may be made to Historic Linwood Foundation, Springer Theatre, and Paws Humane.

Lea was born in Columbus, Ga., on Oct. 2, 1951, the daughter of Jeanne Anderson Lewis and Robert Magruder Lewis, Jr. She attended Columbus High School and Bauder Fashion College in Miami, Fla.

Her talents and accomplishments were diverse. An avid lover of horses, she was active in the harness-racing community for over three decades. She was an excellent marksman who enjoyed duck and goose hunting. She was proficient in sign language and taught swimming to the deaf. She played the twelve-string guitar, passing a love of music and song on to her daughters, and will be remembered for her recipes and love of entertaining.

She was also a published genealogist, and her work is included in three publications about Linwood Cemetery. Her love of research and horses led to her interest in equine autoimmune diseases and the development of Immune Technologies, Inc. where she served as president.

She is survived by two daughters Lisa Dowd of Grinnell and Lauren Bachmann of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sisters: Laura Rutland and Linda Jackson, both of Columbus, Ga.; five grandchildren; and other relations.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and by her brother, Robert Magruder Lewis, III.