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The lights may have flickered on Broadway just before midnight on November 29, 2022, when our starlet, Maureen Catherine Sweeney Downing, took her final bow and left this world - which to her was, "all a stage". Born in Bronxville, New York, she moved to Manhattan at the age of 5 where her love of live theater and movies blossomed into a virtual obsession.

Maureen's own theater career was first honed at Catholic University, Washington, DC where she not only toured Europe with their Shakespeare group, but also met her soulmate of friends and fellow drama queen Shannon Randolph and caught the eye of the love of her life Charlie Downing who preceded her in death but remained in her dreams for another 34 years until they could meet again. Her career highlights in Washington DC were at WTOP where she met a group of lifelong besties; and at The Friends of the Kennedy Center and the Motion Picture Association of America where she could bask in the glow of movie stars and premieres.

But we all know her "real" job was Community Theater. In DC, Maureen performed at Chevy Chase Community Theater, Back Alley Theater, Adventure Theater, Montgomery Village Players, Silver Spring Stage, The Studio, and Woolly Mammoth.

In retirement, Maureen fed her theater obsession for another 15+ years here in Sussex County thanks to all at Possum Point Players, Ad Hoc Radio, and The Shakespeare Players, where she loved the opportunity that these groups provided to keep her in the game and mentor the next generation of thespians.

Maureen passed peacefully at age 86 and is survived by her loving - and FAR less dramatic! - daughters Karen Downing & Kristine Duran; grandchildren Brandon and Dylan Duran; and her sister Kathy Ramaiya.

Services will be private.



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Please sign Maureen's virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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Patricia D. Watson posted:

I met Maureen in college and reconnected when I moved into her neighborhood and her lovely daughters, who reflected her same calm, cheerful manner, became baby-sitters for my children. Maureen was a star of inner beauty to all who knew her, a role model of generosity to her friends. Her light will remain to remind us how to live. Patricia (Pat) Dillon Watson

December 11 at 5:31 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Maureen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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