

## Obituary for Diana L. White

Diana L. White, 73, of Fayette, passed away Saturday, May 4th at her home surrounded by loved ones. She was born April 22, 1951, in Paterson, N.J., the daughter of Alfred E. and Velma M. (MacLean) White. She attended school in New Jersey, then graduated from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor's degree in Nursing, and from University of Southern Maine with a Master's degree in Nursing. She was a nurse, teacher, and an advocate.

She reminisced being raised in a union home by parents who were civil rights activists and champions of democracy. She later identified and worked as a union activist, lobbyist, and organizer. She also considered herself a witness throughout her life, stating "We witness, and we show respect, over and over and over again." She held dearly the quote by Martin Luther King Jr., "Until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream."

In her working career, Diana was a nurse in various settings and medical institutions including obstetrics, psychiatry, and palliative care. She taught nursing and other health related courses at Kennebec Valley Community College, University of Maine at Farmington, and Fort Kent and finally at Tuskegee University in Alabama.

Her pedagogy was rooted not only in a desire to craft the intellect of her students, but also in a greater vision of education as the most tangible path towards peace and liberation for a society. The teacher was not merely a disseminator of information, but a peacemaker. She developed many lifelong friendships through her teaching career with both students and colleagues.

She was active with the Religious Society of Friends, Quakers, and a member of Farmington, Portland, and Durham Friends Meeting. She chose this path, stating, "I found Quaker thought and practice consistent with my sense of justice and activism.... "Let your life speak and speak your truth." Diana witnessed her convictions with fierce intelligence and stubborn clarity.

She was active in numerous nursing, educational and political organizations. She was an active member of Epsilon Chapter of CHI ETA PHI Sorority, Inc.

She is survived by her daughter Jennifer Delker, and son Dylan Anderson, both of Fayette; a sister Alice White of Colorado, and brother Duncan White of New Jersey; also, a niece, nephews, cousins, and dearest friends that she chose to add to her family.

If desired, donations may be made in Diana's memory for nursing scholarship to the:

Epsilon Chapter of CHI ETA PHI  
PO Box 1256  
Tuskegee, AL 36088

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