

Barbara Kingston Foust--1924-2011



Barbara Kingston Foust died on April 20, 2011. She was born on November 16, 1924 to William Frank Kingston and Louise Anne Schucholz Kingston in Melrose, Massachusetts. She graduated from Russell Sage College in Albany, New York, with a degree in nursing. She and her husband, Earnest Foust, bought a 73-acre farm in Pennsylvania in 1956 and set about raising children, sheep, horses, dogs, cats, quail and the occasional orphaned raccoon.



Her interest in herb gardening led to a chapter she wrote for the book *The Rodale Herb Book* for Rodale Press. Referred to sometimes as "the woman who dyes at the festival," she presented for many years at the Kutztown Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Festival, demonstrating how to work with vegetable dyes and spinning wool. She worked with wool in a variety of forms such as dyeing, knitting, and weaving. For many years she imported spinning wheels from Scotland and sold dyeing, weaving and spinning supplies. Her interest in healing led to her becoming a Reiki Master and a dowser. She supported and trained many people in the healing arts.

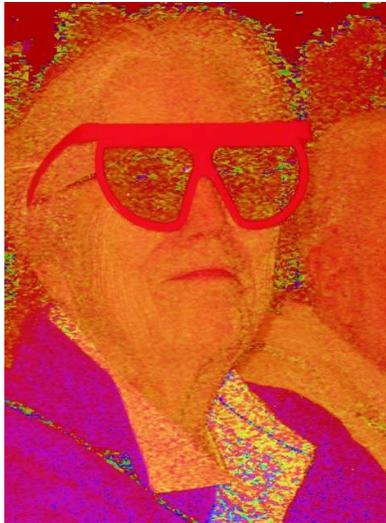
She is survived by her husband, Earnie Foust, four children, Virginia Louise Mutti and husband Larry, William Foust and wife Linda, Jonathan Foust and wife, Tara Brach, Matthew Foust and wife, Karen, grandchildren Laurel Mutti Patwardhan, Johanna Mutti, Matthew Foust, Jason Foust, David Foust, Sarah Foust, Hannah Foust, Allison Foust and great-grandchildren Molly Foust and Ryan Foust.



Barb and Earnie



The family "Moose on the Wall" shot



She liked to tell a story about a time when she was a little girl in elementary school. A solemn old man came one day and all the children lined up to shake his hand. He explained that he, as a civil war veteran, had once shaken hands with a veteran from the Revolutionary War, and they now, as children were only one hand shake away from the birth of the nation. If you've been touched by Barbara you were probably touched not only by her kindness, but a sense of timelessness.

Cosmic Adventurer: 3D glasses at the Smithsonian



Submitted by Jonathan Foust