



India Dinkins Field

June 3, 1943 - May 20, 2022

India Dinkins Field, an Atlanta native and resident of Naples for the past 22 years, passed away in Naples on May 20, 2022 after battling cancer for the past several months. India was born on June 3, 1943 and was the daughter of Evelyn Harrison Dinkins and Patrick Candler Dinkins, Jr. She grew up in Buckhead and attended Morris Brandon Elementary School and Northside High School before attending boarding school at Emory at Oxford. India attended Peabody College in Nashville (now part of Vanderbilt University) and then transferred to the Georgia Institute of Technology at a time when there were very few women on campus. She went on to receive a degree in interior design from the New York School of Interior Design, completing her studies remotely which was virtually unheard of during the 1960s.

India was gifted creatively and was a self-employed interior designer for more than four decades. In addition, she was a professionally trained, accomplished artist. She was a prolific painter who mastered numerous genres. Her creative talents over the years included sewing, knitting, needlepoint, photography and many other arts and crafts endeavors. India had a green thumb and especially loved growing all types of orchids on her lanai in Naples. She was a fabulous cook and loved trying new recipes and sharing them with her children.

More than anything, India cherished being a mother to her three children. She was a lover of dogs and always had a faithful companion by her side. While

petite in stature, she had a big personality, great sense of humor and could talk a blue streak to all she encountered. She enjoyed many years of playing tennis in Atlanta and remained close with her tennis group after moving to Naples.

India leaves behind her beloved husband of 19 years, James Willoughby Field. She also is survived by her children, Katherine "Katie" Bows Taylor (Henry) of Atlanta; David Johnson Bows, Jr. (Mary) of Beaufort, S.C. and Marblehead, Mass; Ivey Virginia Bows and grandson Ivan David Jensen of Albuquerque; stepdaughter Michelle Field McLain (Tim) and step-grandchildren Emily Grace McLain, Benjamin Jackson Willoughby McLain and William Bradshaw McLain of St. Louis. In addition, India is survived by her sister Evelyn Harrison Dinkins II (William Proctor) of Powder Springs, Ga.; brother Patrick Candler Dinkins III (Emily) of Milledgeville, Ga; beloved aunt, Anne Harrison Webber, of Nashville, Tenn.; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. The family extends sincere appreciation to Laura Thermidor for the compassionate care she provided for India during her illness.

A funeral mass will be held on India's 79th birthday, Friday, June 3, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Naples with committal afterward at Palm Royale Cemetery and Mausoleum. For those not able to attend in person, the livestream link is <https://vimeo.com/event/2146795/ca9c187a66>. Memorial contributions may be made to the Melanoma Research Alliance; 730 15th Street, NW; Fourth Floor; Washington, DC 20005 or online at www.CureMelanoma.org/tribute.

To sign India's guest register or to leave on line condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home & Crematory Family Owned and Operated Since 1978

Cemetery Details

Palm Royale Cemetery

6780 Vanderbilt Beach Road
Naples, FL 34119

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 3. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Agnes Catholic Church
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd.
Naples, FL 34120

Graveside Service

JUN 3. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Palm Royale Cemetery
6780 Vanderbilt Beach Road
Naples, FL 34119

Tribute Wall



“ *India Dinkins Field*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Dave Gollenberg & Mark Pomella purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of India Dinkins Field.*



Dave Gollenberg & Mark Pomella - June 21, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ *Our prayers are flowing to Jim, and to the families of Jim and India. God Bless India, and May She Rest in Peace. David and Kay Hynes*

David Hynes - June 07, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ *Just watched the beautiful ceremony; want to share my condolences with all the Bows, Dinkins and Fields. I remember India from way, way back, as we Armsbys were close neighbors and friends back on Paces Ferry in Atlanta; her smiling face is one of my earliest memories.*

*With love and peace for all,
Leslie Armsby*

Leslie Armsby - June 03, 2022 at 12:28 PM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of India Dinkins Field.*



June 02, 2022 at 12:09 PM



“ *We loved your mom and have so many memories of her during our teenage years!! We talked about some of the times she had us cracking up laughing, and she was so smart. She was a pistol of a lady in a tiny frame and someone who will never be forgotten. Sending our love to you all - Ivey, David, Katie & Jimmy, and Ivan. Big hugs & love, Mimi & Mendy*

Mimi - June 01, 2022 at 01:55 PM



“ *Love, Mimi Willis Miller & Mendy W Eskew purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of India Dinkins Field.*



Love, Mimi Willis Miller & Mendy W Eskew - June 01, 2022 at 01:52 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad and difficult time. India was a big part of my childhood and I will miss her. 💕💕*

Bethany Busbey - May 29, 2022 at 12:18 PM

BP

“ Jimmy,
So sorry to hear about this. I have many fond memories of India.
Bonnie Dolson Peet

Bonnie Peet - May 28, 2022 at 11:23 AM

KB

“ *Dear Jim and family, we are thinking of you during this very tender time. It was an edifying experience to read about India's remarkable life and vibrant personality. We know that you will miss her during this temporary separation. But, her love for you is forever. We share your faith in a forthcoming resurrection and reunion, made possible through the Lord Jesus Christ. With love, the Blosil family*

Kathy Blosil - May 27, 2022 at 04:16 PM