



## Dr. Rebecca Waddell Tulloch

October 8, 1946 - August 30, 2020

Dr. Rebecca Waddell Tulloch, age 74, of Blountville, Tenn., passed away Sunday, August 30, 2020 at Christian Care Center of Bristol.

Rebecca was the daughter of Clyde and Ruth Waddell of Concord, N.C. and later Bristol, Tenn. She is survived by her husband of 29 years, John Stadler Tulloch; sister, Patricia Waddell Bolling; nieces, Teresa Mills and Pam Dunn; and nephew, Eddie Bolling.

Rebecca graduated from Concord High School and continued her education at Catawba College in Salisbury, N.C. She was a gifted student and went on to the University of Tennessee, graduating with a doctorate in Chemistry in 1974. Following her graduation from the University of Tennessee, Rebecca took a position with the DuPont Company in Wilmington, Del. where she worked for 29 years. Her initial assignment was in DuPont's development laboratory. Following that assignment she was made laboratory director at DuPont's facility in Repaupo, N.J. From there she moved to Cleveland, Ohio where she was assigned to visited customers and provided technical assistance. In her spare time while in Cleveland, Rebecca took up flying and earned her commercial pilot license. Upon returning to Wilmington, she was assigned to the Coating and Pigment Department and became an internationally known expert, serving primarily the automotive industry.

In 1990, Rebecca decided to return to the academic environment and continue her education, this time in Law. She enrolled in the Widener School of Law in Wilmington, Del. and at the same time continued her employment with DuPont. This was made possible by taking all of her classes at night and she graduated in 1992 with her Law degree. Rebecca was admitted to the Delaware Bar, the Pennsylvania Bar and the Maryland Bar, and because of her technical background, was also admitted to the Patent Bar. As a consequence of her Law degree and admittance to the Patent Bar, Rebecca was able to continue her employment with DuPont as a patent attorney until her retirement in 2003.

After retirement, Rebecca continued to use her legal skills. She volunteered at local Legal Aid agencies on a pro bono basis and was elected Mayor of Odessa, Del., serving two

terms. Prior to moving to Bristol, Rebecca set up a Mediation Office for Cecil County, Md.

Once Rebecca was settled here in the Bristol area, she continued her service in the community by volunteering at the Bristol Library teaching English as a Second Language. She also took a teaching position at Highlands Community College where she taught Chemistry.

Rebecca was a Rotarian both here and in Del., and she truly believed in Service ABOVE Self.”

The family will hold a Celebration of Life Service for Rebecca at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Christian Care Center of Bristol, 2830 Highway 394, Blountville, TN 37617, or to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements especially for Dr. Rebecca Tulloch and her family have been made through Oakley-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Oakley-Cook Funeral Home** - October 07, 2020 at 09:55 AM

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“ John,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. Rebecca was an exceptional lady. I loved her very much. I enjoyed our time together at Dominion senior living. She touched my heart in so many ways. That smile of hers would light up the place. And always everyday you was on her mind. She loved you dearly. May god wrap his s arms around you at this time and give you strength. My prayers are with you and the family. Another angel in heaven.

**Tami Redmond** - October 08, 2020 at 04:12 AM

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“ 55 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Oakley-Cook Funeral Home** - October 07, 2020 at 09:35 AM

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“ Praying for peace and comfort for John, Ms.Pat and her family. It breaks my heart to hear this. She was a sweet lady that I enjoyed spending time with and it was a pleasure and an honor to meet such a smart beautiful amazing woman! She will be greatly missed!

**Tammy Canter** - September 02, 2020 at 09:55 PM

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“ To Dr. Tulloch’s family and friends,

On behalf of the University of Tennessee, please accept our condolences on the passing of Rebecca Waddell Tulloch: our graduate and a member of the Volunteer family.

Dr. Tulloch was a generous long term supporter of her alma mater. We are sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,

Jane Gulley

Stewardship--UT Foundation

Knoxville, Tennessee

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**Jane Gulley--UT Foundation** - September 02, 2020 at 07:08 PM

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“ Dearest John and family,

My heart breaks at learning of your precious loss. I feel so lucky to have known such a wonderful and caring lady. I knew she was a very smart and intelligent individual, but no matter what, she always made everyone she met feel equally loved and admired. Her fond love for her felines was something that we both shared and enjoyed too.

Love, hugs and prayers being uplifted for you and the entire family.

Beth Hobbs

**Beth Hobbs** - September 02, 2020 at 12:49 PM

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“ John,

It was so good to see you awhile back and catch up. I am sorry for your loss but know from our conversation that she is in a much better place. Praying that you have peace and comfort in the days ahead. You take care and be safe.

Leah Ross

**Leah Ross** - September 02, 2020 at 12:38 PM

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“ Rebecca inspired me. With all of her accomplishments, she remained a humble and caring person who spent much of her time volunteering to help others. I feel happy that I was able to get to know her as a fellow Rotarian. She set a high bar for living a good life and she certainly upheld the Rotarian four way test in many areas of her life.

Tom Hanlon

**Thomas Hanlon** - September 02, 2020 at 11:38 AM