

Shalom Paschall Obituary

Shalom Paschall (Sarah Davis Smith) died at the Maui Medical Center in Kahalui on Dec. 6th 2018 at age 71 on the island of Maui, HI where she had lived for the last six years. She was born in New York City on October 25, 1947 and baptized **Sarah Davis Smith**. She went to Chapin School in the New York City, and then graduated from The Shipley School in Bryn Mawr, PA. She then earned her undergraduate degree from Marymount College in Tarrytown, NY. She also studied at the Jung Institute in Zurich in the mid-1970's and then received her MDiv from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA in 1981. In August, 1979 she married a fellow seminarian, Peter Converse McDonald, in Marion, MA; the marriage ended just over a year later. She remained in the Boston area until 1986 when she moved to Santa Fe, NM. Although she was never ordained, she helped officiate at family weddings and funerals whenever she could. In 1990 she changed her name legally to Shalom Paschall to reflect a deeper commitment to God. In Santa Fe, Shalom spent much of her time writing and working with people in all kinds of settings, especially those with dual diagnoses and chronic mental illness. She lived with chronic illness herself for many years and wanted to minister to other people who lived with similar handicaps. She was predeceased by her half brothers, Michael S. Getchell, and David P. Getchell and her twin sister, Sandra Prescott-Smith Mongendre. She is survived by her brother, Malcolm E Smith Jr who lives in London, UK. Shalom was the daughter of the late Malcolm E. Smith and Sarah D. Smith. She will be buried in Rowley, MA in the late Spring next to her parents and her twin sister Sandy.