

Christine Mathna, (8 Dec 1942 – 3 Apr 2009), Perry County Time, Thursday, April 16, 2009

Christine Mathna, 66, of Newport died Friday, April 3, 2009.

She was born Dec. 8, 1942 in Harrisburg to **Arthur O.** and **Julia Rippman Mathna** of Newport.

She graduated from Newport High School, received a B.A. in English from Bucknell University, and a master's degree in secondary counseling from Columbia Teachers College.

She was a guidance counselor in Irvington, N.Y., from 1969 to 1975. In 1975, she returned to Newport with her husband Mel Bornstein to live on a 200-acre farm and build a community that became a focal point of her life for the next 34 years. That year, she and her partners started Longacre Farm, a summer program for teenagers that still thrives there. One of her greatest contributions to Longacre Farm was the institution of evening meetings that fostered the skills of effective feelings-level communication. They became a centerpiece for the program and have since positively affected the lives of thousands of teenagers.

During the late 1970s, she served as the director of guidance at Camp Hill High School. In 1997 she was a founding partner in Awakenings, a counseling practice in Camp Hill. She adopted a counseling model called Internal Family Systems Therapy, and became an IFS trainer, traveling throughout the country teaching the model to other therapists.

She traveled widely in Europe, India and Africa and frequently to her other home on St. Croix, and collected art and artifacts from all over the world.

Surviving are a sister, **Meredith Schuler**, and a nephew and niece, **Christopher** and **Julia Schuler**, all of Newport.

A memorial service will be held to celebrate her life on the weekend of April 25.

David M. Myers Funeral Home, Newport, is handling arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Newport Public Library, 316 N. Fourth St., Newport 17074, or American Cancer Society, 3211 N. Front St., Suite 100, Harrisburg 17110.

Mathna Services, Perry County Times, Thursday, April 30, 2009

A memorial service for **Christine Mathna**, who died April 3, will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 2, in the chapel at Carson Long Military Institute, 200 N. Carlisle St., New Bloomfield.

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