

E. Diane Davis
1940 – 1986

E. Diane Davis' professional contributions are far reaching. As a therapist, supervisor, administrator, consultant, teacher, advocate, mentor and friend, she touched not only the professional lives but the personal lives of many. Still the teacher, Diane generously has given a bequest for a yearly memorial lecture to be sponsored by the Georgia Society for Clinical Social Work.

Ms. Davis, a native of Florida and a graduate of Columbia University School for Social Work, moved to Atlanta in 1965 and rapidly established her style, substance, and potential with accomplishments as a major contributor to the heart of social work. A founding member of the Georgia Society for Clinical Social Work, she was Georgia's first representative to the National Federation of Societies for Clinical Social Work board meeting.

Ms. Davis was appreciated in the community for her knowledge and ability to convey the excitement of learning as evidenced by long standing connections to the University of Georgia School of Social Work, Atlanta University School of Social Work, and Roger Williams. In addition, for more than a decade, Ms. Davis taught several courses at Smith College School for Social Work's Continuing Education program, including the innovative course she developed, "Developmental Origins of Psychopathology". The connection with Smith College underlined her commitment to a psychoanalytic framework for understanding human behavior.

Ms. Davis epitomized the Renaissance woman with interests as varied as the ballet, symphony, opera, and regional county fairs. A world traveler, she was equally at home in Ireland as in Unicoi.

Her presence is deeply missed.