

## Tribute for Trudy

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Trudy was a wonderful professor as well as a very caring human being. I was blessed to have her as a professor in my Native American studies class as well as my senior anthropology end of the year class. She was always willing to answer my many questions in class and she never seemed to get upset or annoyed with me. I came late many times my senior year but she always seemed happy to see me. I remember when she became sick and I asked if she needed any help. I would go over once or twice a week and help walk Mr. Skippy and after her husband passed away I assisted in rearranging her furniture as well as cleaning and organizing. Although her husband was sick and even when he passed, she always seemed to be so strong and brave even though her health was not well. She would still be working around the house and would make me drinks and we would talk about everything. She said I had "genuine concern and interest in the well-being of those around him" but I feel her love for the world helped me grow immensely because she helped me learn about Native American cultures, so I could become more worldly and become a more open-minded person. She will always be remembered by me as a great professor and as a beautiful human being.

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