

# KUNDA WICCE

1948-2017

Environmental Activist

Kunda was a treasured friend of mine as a sister environmental activist, native botany geek, priestess collaborator and dancing girlfriend. Kunda Lee Wicce, neé Shirley Lee Stone is well known, loved and respected as an environmental leader, activist and public servant. As a professional biologist and dedicated public servant, Kunda was an early employee of Austin's Environmental Department. She went on to manage the city's nature preserves for the Parks Department. She was a founding member, president, and executive director of the Native Prairies Association.



## **City of Austin Biologist**

## **Native Prairies Association, President**

## **River of Peace, Founder**

## **Beyond Coal, Organizer**

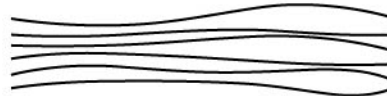
Colleagues and coworkers will remember her kindness and gentle, understated leadership. Kunda was a very powerful force, moving mountains (or rather limestone hills) behind the scenes towards a sane and modern environmental policy in Austin, Texas. In her retirement years, Kunda continued her devotion to defending the Earth and promoting peace, both within and without.

She founded and directed the nonprofit River of Peace, and was a key organizer for Beyond Coal. Kunda was no bureaucratic drudge. I can tell you that she partakes of a wild, free and passionate Spirit, and anyone who followed her for sunny miles as hot as today into deep Prairie, chiggers and all, or went swimming in natural waters, or danced for ecstatic hours with her can also testify.

Kunda's mind was fueled by a powerful intellect, and in any conversation we could expect keen insight into politics and human nature, and a wry and mischievous sense of humor. Kunda will be missed and remembered by many, especially her husband Seth Davis and her sister Diane Carpenter. We will never forget the fierce, laughing sparkle of her eyes.

*-remembrance written by Cedar Stevens*

## **BARTON CREEK**



## **TIME STREAM**