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JOYRIDE: A 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF LIBBY DEMP FORREST AND HER WRITING TO BE HELD AT THE CAPE MAY LIBRARY ON NOV. 10TH

Cape May—A celebration of the writings of Libby Demp Forrest will be held at the Cape May City Library located at Ocean and Hughes Streets in Cape May on Saturday, November 10 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Libby's son Keith, a communication professor at Atlantic Cape Community College and the current writer of the "Joyride III" column, will lead the remembrance of his mother's life and work.

Libby was one of the most beloved writers in Cape May County for more than 20 years. Her "Joyride III" column appeared in the *Cape May County Herald* from 1984 until her death in 1997. Before that, "Joyride II" ran in the *Gazette-Leader* from 1975-1984. October marks the 10th anniversary of her death.

The celebration will be a time for those who loved her writings to rediscover her work, and for a new generation to learn about her work. Attendees at the Joyride remembrance are encouraged to share their personal stories about Libby and to read from their favorite columns.

Her column featured useful insights, humorous encounters, and the wit and wisdom that comes from living each day and raising a family. She died of ALS in 1997. Libby shared her battle with the deadly disease in the pages of her column, always managing to find hope. Copies of many of her columns are available at the Cape May Library in advance of the remembrance.

Her column was easy to spot in the pages of the *Herald* because it featured a silhouette of a woman riding a 3-wheeled bicycle. Libby rode her adult tricycle around Cape May, encountering many moments that became fuel for her work. Her dramas of the everyday also appeared in other publications during the years including *The New York Times*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Philadelphia Bulletin* and *The Press of Atlantic City*.

In 2001, Keith Forrest (#1 son in the columns) picked up the mantle for his mother, taking over writing the "Joyride III" column, keeping it alive for another generation. Taking a cue from his mother's work, Keith frequently features the exploits of his own four children. Using much of what he learned from his mother, Keith spearheaded the creation of the communication program at Atlantic Cape Community College. He has published nearly 100 slice-of-life essays of his own that have appeared in numerous publications including *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Craig Forrest (#2 son) also completed a literary tribute to his mother, writing a memoir titled, *Joyride: A Son's Unlikely Journey to His Mother's Heart*, released in 2005. Craig lives in Capitola, CA, where he is Campus Kitchen Development Manager for Amy's Kitchen Natural Foods.

Keith and Craig, along with their late mother, represent one of the rare examples of a family of professional writers spanning multiple generations in the South Jersey Region.

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