

communications student at Temple University, said, "I remember thinking this lady really has class. She's going to make it in this town."

Another longtime friend, State Rep. Louise Williams Bishop (D., Phila.), said Ms. Huggins handled her success with unflinching grace.

"In those days if you were beautiful and successful, you had a tendency to look down at others," Bishop said. "I never saw any of that in Edie. She was friendly with children, adults, the haves and the have-nots. Nothing went to her head."

A native of St. Joseph, Mo., Ms. Huggins graduated cum laude from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh. She worked at Bellevue and Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospitals in New York as a registered nurse, simultaneously appearing in the NBC daytime drama *The Doctors*. She also appeared on *The Edge of Night* and *Love of Life*, both produced by CBS Television.

In 2006, Ms. Huggins was cast in a starring role of an independent movie titled *So Big*. The movie had its debut May 3 at International House in Philadelphia.

When her coworkers learned in the spring that Ms. Huggins' illness had worsened, "it took a piece of everybody," Kane said. She refused to give in, however. "We saw her every day in the building. You saw her water the plants on her days off. . . . Channel 10 was her home. She'd come in and she'd stay for 20 minutes or 20 hours. Even when she was off."

Through all the ups and downs of the broadcast news business, Ms. Huggins maintained her professional standards, and even as she entered her 70s managed to remain on the crest of cultural and news events.

"She had not gone out to pasture. She could kick it and work. And that's what people loved about her," Kane said.

"She was an icon," said Beverly Williams, the former KYW-TV news anchor. "Edie was the nicest person. She was genuine. I'm devastated. I really am."

Ms. Huggins is survived by her son Hastings Edward, a senior administrator for IBM in Mableton, Ga., and her daughter Laurie Linn, a marketing specialist for Broadcast Advertising in Philadelphia.

They were at her side yesterday when she died.

"She was timeless," said her colleague Renee Chenault-Fattah. "She knew much more about culture and social issues than I do. She always stayed current . . . always sought out young people and shared the wisdom and knowledge she had."

During the last few weeks, Chenault-Fattah said, it became clear that her time was limited. Everyone knew the reality, she said, but Ms. Huggins seemed such a constant, "we always thought she'd return."

A memorial service is scheduled Tuesday at Bright Hope Baptist Church.

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