

# Alice Kahn Ladas

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### Abstract

Erica J. Kelley recounts her memories of Alice Kahn Ladas.

### Keywords

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Alice would descend on us with the intensity of a comet. With every visit, my habitual complacency would be challenged by her penetrating eyes, her streams of questions, and her dazzling accomplishments.

Alice and my late husband Charles had been buddies since they studied Wilhelm Reich's work together in New York in the 1950s. I caught up with her in the '70s, when she came to California, first to present a workshop on Bioenergetic Analysis to our Radix trainees, and later to team up with Chuck for sex research, which included training with Hartman and Fithian in Long Beach.

Underlying every specialty is her passion, and compassion, for this planet and its people; I have always been impressed with her consistent determination and ability to put thought into action. Her investment in cooperative, sustainable living in Santa Fe, long before "green" became fashionable, is just one example.

Perhaps a ditty I wrote for her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2001 best sums her up, and also reminds me of the mischievous twinkle in her penetrating eyes.

*An intelligent woman called Alice  
Spent much of her life thinking "phallus."  
Breastfeeding and G-spots she widely acclaimed,  
And helped found Bioenergetics, which soon became famed.  
From Wilhelm to Deepok, her interests wander;  
From elephant-riding to UFO's yonder.  
She writes theses and books, and musicals, too;  
There's simply no end to what Alice can do.  
Now it's magnets and tennis – what else have I missed?  
-- The mention of lucky men Alice has kissed!*

With love and respect,  
Erica Kelley

### Biography

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