



Cynthia H. Gordon

February 24, 2016

Cynthia Hanson Gordon, 58, an extraordinary wife, mother, sister and friend, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 24th after a courageous battle with cancer that she waged with grace and an unfailingly positive attitude. She will be sorely missed and loved always by her husband, David G. Gordon of Bloomfield; daughter Kirsty G. Collins and her husband Kevin of Chicago; son Jim Gordon of Denver; sister Susan Eichar and her husband Doug of Hartford. She also leaves behind a loving extended family and countless close friends and students whose lives she impacted with her kind and generous nature. Cynthia was born in Tacoma, WA, and was the youngest daughter of the late Jim and Lynn Hanson of Madison, CT. She spent most of her childhood in Ridgefield, CT, and Center Valley, PA. She was a graduate of Ithaca College and received her master's degree in education from the University of Hartford. David and Cynthia were married in 1982 and spent the early years of their marriage in Brussels, Belgium. Returning to the USA, they lived in West Hartford, CT, and then in Bloomfield Village, MI, while they raised their two children. They returned to CT in 1996 and have since resided in West Hartford and more recently in Bloomfield. A woman who threw her passion and contagious energy into everything she loved, Cynthia devoted her time and talent to her children's academic, social and sporting activities, as well as to her students at Kelly Lane Intermediate School in Granby. She chaired the Scholarship Interview Committee at The Hartford Golf Club and had many other interests including golf, pilates, mah jongg,

travel with her husband - especially to visit their children, vacations in Bermuda, and countless other activities. She will be remembered as a vibrant and kind woman who embraced life to the fullest while caring deeply for those around her. Following a private family burial service there will be a reception to celebrate her life during March. Donations in Cynthia's memory may be made to the Helen & Harry Gray Cancer Center, c/o Fund Development, Hartford Hospital, 80 Seymour Street, Hartford, CT 06102 or online at <https://giving.harthosp.org/donate>