



Mary Thomson Russell

September 9, 1958 - March 21, 2012

Mary Thomson Russell, 53, of West Hartford CT and South Londonderry VT passed away Wednesday, March 21st, with her husband and three children at her side, after a six year, gracefully fought battle, with Thymoma cancer. Mary was the beloved wife of Douglas G. Russell for 28 years and the mother of Charles A. Russell, John H. Russell and Laura T. Russell. Mary was devoted and loving above all to her family and friends. Her smile and the sparkle in her eyes are what set her apart. She was the most compassionate and caring wife, mother, sister, daughter and friend. For those who knew Mary well, they know deeply how she touched lives in most meaningful ways. Born, September 9, 1958, to Emily B. and Alexander L Thomson, she attended Renbrook School and Kingswood-Oxford in West Hartford and graduated from the University of Vermont. After college, she worked for Doubleday Publishing in NYC and The Champion-Tuck Awards in Hanover NH. After her children were born, Mary devoted significant time to Renbrook School, Covenant Prep and Literacy Volunteers. She also taught nursery school. She was a passionate and avid athlete, with a particular love for skiing, hiking, playing tennis and golf. She and her family were blessed to have traveled the world extensively and had lived for three years in the Philippines. In addition to her immediate family, she leaves her brothers and sister-in-laws, Jim and Nancy Thomson, Sandy and Dottie Thomson, Bill and Kim Thomson and her sister Emily Williams and thirteen nieces and nephews and many friends. The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the medical and cardiac doctors,

nurses and staff at Hartford Hospital and wants to especially thank Dr Robert Lowe and Barbara, Dr Robert Siegel and Donna and Dr Jack Foster. They gave Mary the gift of a most meaningful life these past six years which included, dropping into Rendezvous Bowl in Jackson Hole, watching VT sunsets with her family and enjoying her weekly lunches with the "Thursdays". A celebration of Mary's life will be held at Asylum Hill Congregational Church in Hartford CT at 11:00 am on Monday, March 26th. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to either the Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center at Hartford Hospital, or to Covenant Preparatory School.

Tribute Wall



“ To the Russell family. I am your cousin. Your grandmother Jean Lindsay Thomson Sargent is my father's first cousin, my first at one remove. Ann was kind enough to call and tell me about Mary. I knew Alexander Lindsay when he came for Bank meetings and in correspondence. I always loved him, Jean and their parents who I remember. My best love to you at this time. A big clan has you in mind. Ann instructed me to let the family know.##imported-begin##Jean S. Lindsay##imported-end##

May 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Doug, Chip, Johnny and Laura,
We grieve with you at Mary's passing. We will cherish fond memories of her beautiful smile, warmth and friendliness while we were in Manila. May you find strength and comfort in your faith, family and friends. Elaine and Terry##imported-begin##Elaine and Terry Emrick##imported-end##

April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Russell Family, my son Eddie was a classmate of Chip's at Renbrook and I served on several committees with Mary. She always made everyone feel included and valued. May her children always know how deeply they were loved by her. I am so sorry for your loss of this very kind and generous person.
Linda and Eddie Meyers##imported-begin##Linda Meyers##imported-end##

March 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Deepest condolences to the bereaved family of Mary Thomson Russell headed by Doug Russell, from the Aetna Team of the Philippines. She will be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Dom P. Hular##imported-end##*

March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Doug,
My heartfelt condolences to you and your family for the loss of your lovely wife. In the weeks and months to come, may you find joy and comfort in the many memories you have of being together. My thoughts are with you.
Janice##imported-begin##Janice Landriau Boegel##imported-end##*

March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Doug and Family:*

It's been a long journey which has finally come to an end. Gone but never to be forgotten. My best wishes as you begin down the next path of life.##imported-begin##Tim Wojciechowicz##imported-end##

March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“*Doug, my deepest condolence to you and your children. Oh how this sad news brought back a flood of memories of how intertwined your family and mine have been over the years. I still cherish the picture of you after our memorable dinner together in London so many years ago. Love, Ken*###imported-begin###*Kenneth Landriau*###imported-end##

March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“*Dear Russell and Thomson Family, I am so sorry for your truly tragic loss. Mary was a role model and our Alum meetings will never be the same without her sweet smile and kind voice. Remy Trager Schwartz '88*###imported-begin###*Remy Trager Schwartz*###imported-end##

March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“*Doug, Chip, John and Laura,*

Our deepest sympathy at your loss. Mary will always be remembered as a gracious and lovely person. We are in North Carolina to see Tucker off as he deploys overseas this week or we would be at the service. We keep you in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.

Love, Chad and Nancy###imported-begin###*Chad & Nancy George*###imported-end##

March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so grateful to have enjoyed some evenings and sunsets in Vermont with Mary and all of you. You are all in our thoughts and prayers###imported-begin##David and Marsha Edell###imported-end##

March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Doug, Laura, Chip, and John,

We are so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. She was a lovely lady and we really enjoyed getting to know her through the Middlesex years. Our thoughts are with all of you.

The Shepherd family###imported-begin##Anne, Jim, and Nicole Shepherd###imported-end##

March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Doug, Chip, Johnny and Laura, We are so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. We came to know her at Renbrook where she was a tireless volunteer and always had a cheery smile at pickup time! We are thinking of you.###imported-begin##Lisa, Ray and Sarah Petersen###imported-end##

March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Doug Jim and I are very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Sue and Jim Rossillo###imported-begin##Sue Jim Rossillo###imported-end##

March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies. As Mary's college roommate at UVM for four years, I Kris will always remember Mary for her fun loving and compassionate personality, always putting others before herself. She will be dearly missed. Our prayers go to Doug and Chip, Johnny, Laura, and extended family.##imported-begin##Kristen and Kevin Hazen Yonks##imported-end##

March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Doug, We're very sorry for your loss. You and Mary are great people, and I particularly admired your cheerful approach to battling Mary's awful disease. The stories of the challenges, the wonderful trips you took, and Mary's steadfastness in the face of it all are extraordinary.##imported-begin##Gene & Lori Cavanaugh##imported-end##

March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Russell family,
Although I did not know your mother well, I occasionally bumped into her at Renbrook in the years we overlapped. Without fail, she was one of the most friendly women I have ever met. I never saw her without a smile on her face. My deepest sympathy to all of you,
Amy Stevens##imported-begin##Amy Stevens##imported-end##

March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Doug, Chip, Johnny, and Laura,
I was deeply saddened to hear of Mary's passing and my heart goes out to all of you. She was a genuinely kind and loving person and it was a pleasure to know her. My thoughts and prayers are with you,
Jane Livziey##imported-begin##Jane Livziey##imported-end##

March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Russell family,
Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. We too have fond memories of our visits to Colgate.
With love,
Jill & Geoff Gimber##imported-begin##Jill & Geoff
Gimber##imported-end##

March 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Chip, Johnny, and Laura.
So sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Mrs. Michailow
Renbrook School##imported-begin##Marianne
Michailow##imported-end##

March 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Doug, Chip, Johnny & Laura,

*With our deepest sympathy for the loss of your lovely wife/mother.
Lucky are we to have known her! She made our hearts smile!*

*with love, Mary & David Williams##imported-begin##Mary & David
Williams##imported-end##*

March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ To Mary's loving family and friends,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We feel blessed to
have briefly gotten to know Mary through our sons at Colgate. May
your memories help you during this difficult time and keep Mary
close to you through the years to come.*

Lovingly,

*Janet & Jeff Smith##imported-begin##Janet & Jeff
Smith##imported-end##*

March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM