



Janet Coleman

April 20, 1946 - August 11, 2020

Coleman, Janet, Esq. Of Minneapolis, April 20, 1946-Aug. 11, 2020, age 74, died young at heart from lung cancer after a profoundly adventurous, and joyous life. She passed with family by her side knowing she was loved. Survived by brother Jonathan (St. Paul), niece Erica (Philadelphia) and nephew John (St. Anthony). She is also survived by a large and supportive community of friends across the globe. Preceded in death by sister Cynthia, mother Myra and father John, all of Minneapolis. Born in Abilene, KS and raised in Minneapolis, MN, Janet attended the University High School before studying political science at the University of Minnesota for her undergraduate studies and law at Hamline University for her Juris Doctor. Janet co-founded the law firm, General Counsel, Ltd., at a time when women started to crack glass ceilings. Former colleagues and clients celebrate her contributions to the field of law and decades of friendship. Those who knew her will remember her frankness, mischievous wit, intelligence, tenacity, and grace. She also had a discerning eye for composition and color and was an abstract artist and pursued her love of photography. Capturing the sense of place brought her to Tibet and Namibia, where she photographed the otherworldly landscapes that she loved. Never one to stand still, Janet was a founding member of the Upper Mississippi Liberal Ladies Sewing Bee, avid equestrian, hiking club organizer and volunteer at the Women's Correctional Facility in Shakopee, MN. She was also an enthusiast for in-line skating, cooking gourmet meals, her book club, the Minneapolis art community, and, more recently, rowing at

the Minneapolis Rowing Club. She will be deeply missed, more than she could have known. In lieu of flowers, memorials in honor of Janet Coleman preferred to the Minnesota Orchestra at 1111 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403 or online at minnesotaorchestra.org/give. Virtual celebration of life to be held on Saturday, September 19th at 4 pm CST. For registration or correspondence, please contact jccol4620@gmail.com.