



Katherine Mullin Berman

February 5, 1959 - April 8, 2020

Berman, Kate Of Minneapolis, Minnesota, passed away of an apparent heart attack on April 8 at her home. She was 61 years old. Kate was born on February 5, 1959 in New Hartford, New York, to Paul and Mary Frances Mullin. Kate grew up in Florida and Michigan. She received her Bachelor's degree from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and her MBA degree at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. She was a doctoral candidate at the University of St. Thomas at the time of her death. Kate and her husband, Art, met at a bus stop in Washington D.C. shortly after she graduated from college. They then had a decades-long, good-natured argument about who picked up whom. From that first bus ride together, a loving relationship bloomed that lasted nearly forty years. They were married on the campus of Georgetown University two years after that fateful meeting. They lived in Washington D.C., New York City, New Jersey, and, for the past seventeen years, in Minnesota. They have three children: Max (27), Elena (20), and Elizabeth (18). Kate was a successful businesswoman in New York City for over a decade after receiving her MBA. She specialized in corporate strategy at the consulting firm A.T. Kearney, where she advised companies in the health care, pharmaceuticals, and financial services industries. She also worked for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. Kate became a full-time mom after the birth of her second child, Elena. Shortly after her third child, Elizabeth, was born, Kate and Art moved to Minnesota, where they have resided ever since. Kate re-entered the work force in recent years. At the time of her death she

was the Executive Director of the think2perform RESEARCH INSTITUTE and a doctoral candidate in Organizational Development. Her research interests were moral and authentic leadership. Kate was a dedicated and highly engaged community member her entire adult life. From her early days tutoring in the Washington D.C. public schools, to supporting victims' rights after 9/11, to actively volunteering for two decades at her children's schools, to most recently being Board of Directors Chair at the YWCA of Minneapolis, she was always a strong leader and fierce advocate for education, social justice, and improved opportunities for girls and women. She was also actively involved in Minneapolis' Catholic community as a member of the Basilica of St. Mary. Kate was a beloved mentor to so many. She is remembered for being unfailingly kind, a patient listener, and dedicated to supporting others' success. She was a servant leader who prioritized helping others to achieve their goals, while often subordinating her own ambitions. Kate was also the ultimate mom and a loving wife. Her first priority was nurturing her three children's education, growth and development. She was a role model in the family household: compassionate, thoughtful, courageous, resilient, principled, and hard-working. She had a gift for supporting with kindness while constantly encouraging all of us to learn and grow. She taught her children the values of resilience, compassion, helping others, and contributing to our community through both her words and her deeds. She encouraged her children to fully develop themselves in many ways, and she was a dedicated soccer, hockey, music, and mock trial mom. Kate instilled a love for travel in her family. Annual national park vacations were a family staple, as were summer weeks spent at Suzuki Music Camp in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. She loved supporting arts organizations, and was a regular patron at art museums, opera and orchestral concerts. She was also an accomplished marathon runner, completing over a dozen races, including the Boston Marathon twice. She was training for the YWCA's triathlon at the time of her death. She is survived by her husband, Art, and three children. Kate was deeply loved and she will be missed. Due to current social distancing requirements, we are not able to hold a memorial

service at this time. However, we will honor Kate's memory with a service in the future, when we are all able to gather, whenever that may be. In the meantime, if you would like, a memorial contribution in Kate's honor to the YWCA of Minneapolis would be humbly and greatly appreciated. Washburn-McReavy.com Davies Chapel 612-377-2203