



Rebecca Muriel Norris

November 16, 1956 - June 17, 2024

Rebecca M. "Becca" Norris

Anyone fooled by Becca Norris's small stature quickly discovered her outsized enthusiasm, joy, and determination to accomplish anything she set her mind on. The only goal she didn't achieve was to defeat cancer a second time. She died in her sleep while in hospice care on June 17, 2024 at age 67.

Born in Atlanta, GA on November 16, 1956 to Eugene "Gene" Norris and Beverly Rowlain Norris, Becca grew up in Chattanooga, TN. After graduating from Vanderbilt University in 1978, she took a position in hospital administration in Atlanta. While working, she earned a Master of Science degree in Health Systems from Georgia Tech and forever after took pride in being a Yellow Jacket. A few years later, she won a highly competitive appointment as a reserve officer in the US Navy Medical Service Corps, eventually achieving the rank of Lt. Commander. An accomplished musician, she sang in the Atlanta Bach Choir.

In 1994 Becca surprised her Southern friends and family by accepting a health care consulting position in Minneapolis. "I had to look on a map to see just where Minnesota was," she laughed. Entertaining stories abound about the then-naïve Southerner's first cold winter in the North.

Expecting to spend no more than five years in Minnesota, Becca met Lynn Borgenheimer Moline in early 1995 and ended up making a home in Minnesota with Lynn for the rest of her life. Officially married in 2014, they were partners for 29 years. They traveled the world together and frequently visited Seagrove Beach, Becca's heart's home.

Becca spent the last years of her career in senior management roles for McKesson Corporation. She also served on non-profit and church boards. When she retired in 2019, she redirected her signature energy and enthusiasm toward her joy-filled second act as a University of MN Master Gardener. Her gardens are showcases and all the kids in the neighborhood were her eager apprentices.

While Becca earned many impressive titles in her career, the only title that mattered to her was "Aunt Becca." Her nieces and nephews were the joy of her life and they adored her. Becca is survived by all of them--Evan (Bianca) Engebret, Neil Engebret, Claire Engebret, Aaron (Josh Gibbs) Cabaniss, Ben (Adele) Breer, Lidy Breer, Robert (Briana) Borgenheimer, Ella (Ben Karlsrud) Borgenheimer, Lily Borgenheimer, Mike (Laura) Stranz, and Megan (Drew) Oswald.

She is also survived by sisters Laura (Norm) Engebret and Lydia Norris Breer, and predeceased by their parents, both of whom passed away in 2021 under Becca's loving care.

A Celebration of Life will be held August 3, 2024, 1:30pm at Plymouth Congregational Church. Navigate to the entrance at 1919 LaSalle Ave., Minneapolis.

Memorials can be directed in Becca's name to Plymouth Congregational

Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis, 55493 or to the MN Ovarian Cancer Alliance, mnovarian.org.