



Stephanie Jean Prem

September 18, 2014

Prem, Stephanie Jean Age 61 of Minneapolis, passed away peacefully at home on September 18, 2014. Survived by parents Dr. Konald and Phyllis Prem, siblings Mary Kristen Francis and Tim (Laurie) Prem, husband Tom Owens, daughter Caroline Owens, son Charley Owens, and special niece Genevievre Broche. Stephanie was born in Minneapolis, raised in Edina and graduated from St. Margaret's Academy (now Benilde-St. Margaret's). She attended the University of San Francisco, where she graduated cum laude in psychology in 1974. She returned to Minnesota to attend the University of Minnesota Law School, where she earned a JD, cum laude, in 1980. Stephanie and Tom met at the Law School in the fall of 1977, sitting three seats apart in Professor Marshall's Torts class. They were married on September 13, 1980, at Our Lady of Victory Chapel at St. Catherine University. Stephanie began her career as an estate-planning, probate and trust lawyer at Robins, Davis & Lyons (now Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi). She followed her mentor, Sidney Kaplan, to Mackall, Crouse & Moore, where she became a partner. She also distinguished herself by helping the firm acquire and mount an impressive art collection. Stephanie's last career move was in 1991, when she joined Norwest Capital Advisors, an investment management firm for high net-worth families and part of Norwest Corporation (now Wells Fargo). Her background was ideal for the firm's emphasis on integrating tax, gift and estate planning. As a Principal at the firm, she worked closely with more than two dozen families, and many of her rewarding

professional relationships extended well over a decade. As Chief Marketing Officer for ten years, she led the successful re-branding to "Lowry Hill" in the early 1990s and handled all aspects of marketing the firm in the Twin Cities, Naples and Phoenix. The firm is now known as Abbot Downing. In the 1990s and again for its renovated offices in 2013, Stephanie helped the firm assemble an exceptional art collection. Community service was a hallmark of Stephanie's life. She served as a board member of the Minnesota Division of the American Cancer Society, Hennepin County Library Foundation, Illusion Theater, James Sewell Ballet, the Colleagues Advisory Board of the Weisman Art Museum and Minnesota Opera. Stephanie was well known for "rolling up her sleeves" and getting things done. Her smile could warm anyone's heart. She was elegant, charming and intelligent, her presence reassuring and calming, yet her grit unflinching. She showed remarkable forbearance and determination each day of her life. While cancer eventually extinguished her sparkling being, she was truly the victor by extending her life five years beyond diagnosis and well beyond expectation. The family wishes to express its heartfelt gratitude to Drs. Greeno, Jensen and Madoff and the nurses and staff of the Masonic Cancer Center, as well as all of Fairview Hospice, for their outstanding care of our beloved Stephanie. In fulfillment of Stephanie's wishes, her memorial service will be held in Minneapolis at Lakewood Memorial Chapel, with indoor and outdoor seating, at 1:00 pm on Saturday, September 27; reception to follow at Lakewood Garden Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred in Stephanie's honor to Minnesota Opera, Masonic Cancer Center at the University of Minnesota, Fairview Hospice, or donor's choice. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Tribute Wall

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“ *The first time I saw Stephanie and Tom they were alighting their convertible, which was parked at the curb in front of 33 South Fifth Street, and heading towards the front door of Robins, Davis & Lyons. They were a vision of coolness, excitement, and youth. Ready to take on the world. And, together they did! Later, I would learn that they were both at Robins that day to sign their employment agreements with the firm.*

As time went on, it was my good fortune to work with Stephanie. She was the best and could do it all. During both of her pregnancies, everything she did appeared so seamless, as she waited to welcome her children into the world. It was obvious that she loved and cherished her children, Tom, and family. One could not ask for a better mentor and role model. Stephanie you were a champ and will be missed by all of us who knew you. A life well lived. With heartfelt memories and sympathy, Terri K. Starekow

Terri Starekow - September 28, 2014 at 01:40 PM

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“ Dear Connie and Phyllis,
I am not sure you remember me, Barbara Beery, Lois' oldest daughter, but I fondly remember you both and Stephanie.

My heart breaks to hear of your loss, with Stephanie so young. I can say that since I am 63. I lost my domestic partner to uterine cancer at age 53 in 2004, after 28 years together. While my loss is not the same, I share your grief at losing our precious ones to cancer.

Ironically, I heard of Stephanie's death when I called my sister, Eileen, for the baked beans recipe that Phyllis gave Mom. We all enjoyed your recipe over many years, and I am now sharing it with my 2 daughters. Maybe it is the recipes that will survive us all.

I send you my heartfelt sympathies. I wish you well.
Condolences,
Barbara

Barbara Beery - September 25, 2014 at 06:49 PM