

Connie Monroe Teevan

Connie Monroe Teevan Died of breast cancer on her 60th birthday, June 15, 2006, at her home surrounded by members of her loving family. She was born in Indianapolis, IN, and lived in San Francisco for most of her life. She attended Bryn Mawr High School in Baltimore, MD, and graduated from Vassar College. She received master's degrees in education from Stanford University and in learning disabilities from San Francisco State University, and a law degree from University of San Francisco. A former teacher, board member of the Golden Gate Kindergarten Association, and lawyer, Connie was passionate about helping others. Connie showed great courage and optimism throughout her life that will continue to inspire her children, her family, and her friends. She is survived by her three children, Jaime, Conor, and Brooks, and her grandson, Griffin. She is also survived by her sister, Nancy Monroe, her brother, Russell Monroe, and numerous other loving relatives and friends. Friends are invited to attend a Memorial celebrating Connie's life on Thursday, June 22, from 5:00 to 6:00 pm at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 1668 Bush St., SF, with a reception to follow at her home. Donations in her memory may be sent to The Connie M. Teevan Fund, c/o Hope Rugo, M.D., UCSF Comprehensive Cancer Center, 1600 Divisadero Street, Box 1710, SF, CA 94115.

On April 28th, during my last visit to California, I spent the day with Connie. After the return of her illness, our friendship over the years had taken on a profound openness. We spoke of concerns intimate to both of us and, as always, Connie's warm, nonjudgmental, and insightful spirit altered and deepened the tenor of the communication. It was clear that she had done great inner work: she had faced with astonishing clarity the foreseen loss of anticipated experiences with her beloved children and transcended the suffering of knowing she would say goodbye to all she cherished. Many of our conversations in the last years revolved around Jaime, Alex and Griffin, Conor and Brooks. Connie loved them with unconditional love. What a vibrant legacy she and Jim have left. I shall miss her friendship and Don and I send our condolences to her family.

- *Karen Henson Handal '68*