



## Martha Lee Holbrook

April 8, 1955 - January 1, 2023

Martha Lee Holbrook, "Marty", 67, passed away peacefully January 1st, 2023 at home after a valiant two year fight with esophageal and stomach cancer. Marty was born April 8th, 1955 to Lucille A. and Roland Ladue in Waltham, Massachusetts. She lived with her family in Alaska, Texas, and Germany before moving to Vermont in 1967. She attended and graduated from Lamoille Union High School in 1973. She attended Champlain College where she received her bachelor's degree. Later in life she was extremely proud of achieving her master's degree from St. Michael's College, Vermont.

Marty perfected her negotiation skills and take-no-nonsense personality through a long career in buying and purchasing with Digital, IBM and then retiring from Keurig/Green Mountain Coffee.

Not only did Martha excel in her career but was an incredibly supportive and caring mother to her son, Jacob. She was always his greatest cheerleader but also wasn't afraid to share her insight and opinions when necessary. Family was everything to her and when Jacob and his wife, Christina, had their children, John and Emma, she was dedicated to making sure they knew Nana loved them to the moon and back. Being a Mother, Mother-in-law and Nana were always her greatest achievements. She would gladly share a funny or heartfelt story about the family she cherished.

Marty did not let life pass her by. She took every chance she could to travel and experience the world around her, taking multiple trips across the country, biking in Australia and even a trip to Vietnam. She looked forward to (and

trained all year for) her annual RAGBRAI Bike Trip with longtime friend and love, Todd Williams. She was just shy of making 20 consecutive years doing this trip that averaged 468 miles over 7 days. Her strong determination and dedication helped her complete this adventure year after year.

After retiring in 2016, she of course continued to enjoy biking, hiking and rollerblading along Lake Champlain's bike path in Burlington, Vermont, but she also discovered a new passion, Pickleball. Her competitive nature and natural athletic skills helped her excel and achieve master status in the sport. She would gladly play 4-5 hours a day, so much so, she attended several Pickleball Retreats in Costa Rica where her days were filled with great food, fancy drinks, sunshine and all day Pickleball Games.

She also took pride in her volunteer work while working full time as well as during retirement, including her time spent as a substitute teacher in her local community schools.

Marty would never pass up a good game of cards, dominoes, cribbage or sequence. She was a master at scrabble/word games and she always dominated at the game of hearts.

Marty was a true fighter to the end. She always beamed positivity, seeing the brighter side of every situation, and taking the hard times with a ton of grace. She was truly a force to be reckoned with, but loved her family and friends with her whole heart. Her smile and laugh were infectious, along with her quick wit and playful demeanor. We would like to celebrate her life with the motto that you should love what you do, enjoy life to the fullest and don't wait until "someday". Party Marty showed us that life is too short to not live fully and simply enjoy each and every day we have. We will miss her greatly.

Martha Lee Holbrook is preceded in death by her beloved mother, Cindy Day, who she cared for until her death in 2019 and her father, Roland Ladue, who passed in 1984. She is survived by her son, Jacob Surprenant, daughter-in-law Christina, grandchildren John and Emma, as well as her Stepfather Tom Day, Twin Brother Mark Ladue, niece Olivia Ladue Sikora, Sister Karen, her children, John, David, James and Tina, Brother Gary, niece Amanda and

nephew Patrick and her little sister whom she cherished and held a special bond with Susan McInnis, brother-in-law Ron Mcinnis and niece Lisa Anger, Lisa's husband Joe Anger and their sons, Finley and Riley, close friend and travel buddy, Todd Williams and a host of beloved friends she considered family.

No services will be held at this time.

# Cemetery Details

## **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall



“ *im john surprenant. im Marthas grandson. i was 12 when she passed away, it hit me like a ton of bricks when my mom and dad told me she past away in her sleep. i miss her deeply*

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**john** - March 04, 2024 at 09:19 PM



“ *Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Martha Lee Holbrook.*



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April 06, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ *I am so sad to hear of Martha's passing. She was my walking buddy when we both worked at IBM. She was always funny and upbeat. I am very sorry she is no longer with us. She will be missed by all that she had touched.*

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**Jay Leonard** - January 09, 2023 at 06:07 PM

SB

“ I am so sad and shocked to learn of Marty's passing. I first met Marty at our Sat.workouts with Mackeey at the Edge and from there we often hiked, walked and biked together until her move to NC. How she enjoyed a lunch out! Even then we shared some wonderful phone calls over that first year. I feel so badly that we lost touch recently. How Marty loved her family, especially her two grandchildren. She was always on the go, so full of vitality, energy and plans,- a gem of a soul! May you rest in peace, my friend.....Sue

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**Susan Brown** - January 08, 2023 at 07:24 AM

JG

“ I am so sad to learn of Marty's passing. She was a true gem and I will never forget her. Rest well Marty. Jeff Garrant

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**Jeff Garrant** - January 06, 2023 at 09:17 AM

DA

“ My dear, Marty. May you rest in eternal peace. You were so welcoming to my when I joined your department at GMCR and we became such good friends. I always enjoyed our walks, the 5k runs, the camping trip to Ausable Chasm, and our get togethers with Kathy at the bars. You will always be loved, and truly missed.

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**Darci** - January 05, 2023 at 06:57 AM

LR

“ I’m devastated to hear of Marty’s passing. She joined our VT dragon boat team the year before she moved to NC and we quickly fell in love with her. She was full of energy, vitality, laughter, and joy. Showed up for every training indoors and out, even came to training camp in SC with us. Even though she knew it would only be for a season, she went all in. I loved her fire, compassion, and laugh. We all did. She will forever be in our hearts 💔

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**Liisa Reimann** - January 05, 2023 at 04:54 AM

CH

Thank you. I remember how much she enjoyed her time with the dragon boat team. She always went into every activity with such dedication and determination. I wasn’t sure what year she did the dragon boat and really wanted to have mentioned it in her obituary, but she did so many things. Thank you for filling in the details.

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**Christina** - January 05, 2023 at 05:06 AM

ML

“ When I got my job in procurement at GMCR, Marty was one of my interviewers. We immediately connected. She was my work buddy for years and a true friend. She loved her family so much, and I know this must be a huge loss for you all. My thoughts are with you and I hope hearing about how much she was loved helps you through your grief. Much love and Rest In Peace my friend. ❤️

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**Meg LaVanway** - January 04, 2023 at 09:17 PM

KF

*Martha and I met through our sons who are good friends. We instantly connected through our love for walking, biking, hiking and our love of our grandchildren.*

*Martha was a diehard who loved a challenging workout and had such a love for adventure. I will never forget all our great girls get together's up at the mountain house in New Hampshire or in Florida. She had a twinkle in her eye when she was up to something and she was full of shenanigans. I will always treasure all our time together.*

*Much love to you Jake and your family at this very difficult time.*

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**Kelly Farr** - January 05, 2023 at 09:24 AM

DC

*I met Marty at GMCR when she was working in the procurement area. I remember working with her on many projects and recall how much pride she took in her work and her endless energy. I recall her great love and pride for her family. This is a incredibly difficult time for her family and I would like to offer up my condolences. Cherish all the fond memories and hold them close.*

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**Derek Companion** - January 09, 2023 at 08:54 AM

LT

*Jake and family - I was so extremely sad to hear about your moms passing. What a wonderful human being she was. We met when she was working at GMCR and we quickly became friends and continued to stay in touch after she retired. We talked about her illness and she was always in such good spirits and so positive about it and I admired her for that. She was part of our book club right up until the end and I know we are all in shock and saddened by her passing. I will remember her vibrant and passionate personality and am so glad that I could call her my friend. I know she loved being able to be with her grandchildren and am happy that she had that time. Sending much love your way Jake. Know that she had a positive impact on so many people's lives.*

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**Lauri Thurber** - January 09, 2023 at 02:08 PM

TW

*My condolences to her family on their loss. Marty was a force of nature as a co-worker (IBM), a travel partner, an inline sk8er, a biker, a hiker, a runner, a pickleball player, and a best friend. She had many epic adventures in a life well lived.*

*Her good nature, boundless energy, and caring, loving demeanor had a positive effect on everyone she met. So sad she is gone.*

*Love you and miss you.*

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**Todd Williams** - April 06, 2023 at 07:37 PM