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Margaret Horvath

Obituary



margaret mccann horvath, 65, went to be with her Lord and Savior on October 23, 2012. She left this world peacefully at her home in Spring surrounded by her loving family after a courageous year and a half long battle with cancer. Margaret Ann McCann was born in San Antonio on January 13, 1947 to Mack E. McCann of Augusta, Kansas and Viola Krittenbrink McCann of Jefferson,

Oklahoma. Soon thereafter the family moved to the Houston area and Margaret spent most of her childhood years in Bellaire and Meyerland. She moved to Corpus Christi for her junior and senior years, graduating from W. B. Ray High School in 1965. She went on to graduate from Oklahoma State University in 1970 with a B.S. in business administration.

Margaret returned to Houston and began teaching business at Aldine MacArthur High School. In 1971 she met Richard J. (Dick) Horvath of Palmerton, Pennsylvania and they were married on March 25, 1972, in Houston. During his engineering career with Shell Oil they also lived in both the New Orleans area and Baton Rouge, Louisiana before returning to Spring in 1982. While living in Louisiana, Margaret and Dick were blessed with the births of their two daughters, Brandi McCann Horvath and Kerri McCann Horvath, now both also of Spring.

Margaret was an avid walker and exerciser, and after her daughters entered their teens, Margaret combined her passions for teaching and exercise by achieving certification and teaching fitness classes part time. For more than 15 years prior to her cancer diagnosis she enjoyed teaching step aerobics, toning, and yoga classes at various locations including Lady of America, Bally Total Fitness, Giammalva Racquet Club, Woodlands Athletic Club, and LA Fitness. In a recent note, a former participant in Margaret's fitness classes summed up her experience as follows: "You are such a great motivator and a wonderful person. I looked forward to seeing your smiling face every day. You put more time and effort into your step routines than any other teacher I know."

Margaret loved animals, especially her 20-year old cat Nutmeg who died a few years ago. She also enjoyed quilting and taking cruises with Dick to various areas around the world.

Margaret is survived by her husband Dick, daughters Brandi and Kerri, and brother John Mack McCann of Houston. She is preceded in death by her parents Mack and Viola McCann. She will be remembered as a loving and dedicated wife, mother and sister. The family would like to thank all the caregivers who helped Margaret in her battle with cancer, especially Dr. Bodurka, Dr. Varadhachary and PA Heather Carlson at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, and Jinyi Hahn and Lulu Chagoya with Vitas Innovative Hospice Care.

A visitation for Margaret will be held on Friday, October 26, 2012 from 6:00 to 9:00pm with Vigil Service at 7:00pm at the Klein Funeral Home, 16131 Champion Forest Drive, Klein, TX 77379. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am, Saturday, October 27, 2012 at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church, 7810 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379, with interment to follow at Klein Memorial Park, FM 2920. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider making a donation in Margaret's name to the cancer research [charity of your choice](#)

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