

Juanita M. Madole Obituary



Juanita M. Madole, 73, passed away suddenly on July 12, 2023, after a brief battle with cancer. She was surrounded by loved ones at Boulder Community Health Foothills when she passed away. She is survived by her brother, Philip Weisbach and sister-in-law, Muffy Weisbach, and sister D.D. Mallard, all of Boulder, Co., and her sister Katie Spence of Willis, Tx. She is also survived by eight nieces and nephews and various great-nieces and nephews. Juanita loved her family, one and all, and she was well-loved by them in return. She also leaves behind many dear friends.

Juanita graduated from Beaumont (Texas) High School in 1967, Newcomb College (then the women's college of Tulane University) in 1971, and the University of Houston School of Law in 1974. She then began work for the Justice Department in Washington D.C. where she met her husband, Don Madole, on the other side of the courtroom. She was defending the FAA regarding its approval of a cargo door that came off during a flight causing an accident; Don was the Plaintiff's attorney. After that case ended, Juanita joined Don both in marriage and in the practice of law. She was a partner in the law firm Speiser, Krause and Madole until she retired in 1999. Her practice focused exclusively on representing passengers and families of passengers involved in commercial airline disasters.

In 1988, Juanita moved from the Washington DC office of Speiser, Krause and Madole to its Los Angeles office following her divorce from Don. Juanita had a very successful legal career that included arguing one of her cases in front of the United States Supreme Court.

In California, Juanita met and married Max Jack, a handsome Air New Zealand 747 pilot. Max was the love of her life, and the two shared a fairy tale marriage until Max's untimely cancer death in January 2001.

Later, Juanita married Chris Bathory. They divorced but remained friends, and he was at her bedside when she passed away.

Juanita moved to Boulder in 2011 to be near her mother, brother and sister. She was an avid traveler who took many trips to locations far and wide. When at home, she enjoyed spending time with her beloved dog, Scout, reading, playing Mah Jong, and volunteering for Colorado Friendship, Tru Community Care and the Sheriff's Department Victim Advocate program.

She loved her lakefront home and watching the wildlife that frequently came by. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at 11:00 am at the Greenbriar Inn with brunch to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Humane Society of Boulder Valley. Published by The Daily Camera from Jul. 19 to Jul. 20, 2023.