

Stephanie Michal Corotis OBITUARY



Dedication to Stephanie Michal Corotis

How does one pay appropriate tribute to the most wonderful, loving, beautiful person ever? Stephanie died on February 6, 2026.

Undoubtedly her dedication to rearing two kind, sensitive and successful children must come first. And her thoughtful, ready willingness to move twice for Ross' career opportunities. Stephanie Michal Fuchs was born on January 24, 1949, in Englewood, New Jersey. She attended public schools and Dwight-Englewood school there. She always loved the theater and enjoyed "standing room only" for every play on Broadway during her high school years (always more than once). She took classes at the Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York, and in high school she won best actress award every year. She then earned undergraduate and master's degrees in speech and language pathology at Northwestern University in four years. Stephanie and Ross met on a blind date in 1971 when a student taking the undergraduate class Ross was teaching at Northwestern University heard he needed a date for a faculty party. Ross walked into the sorority, and there she was, standing at the top of the stairs. And Ross immediately said to himself "this is a waste of time; she is too sophisticated for me." But they married less than a year later! Stephanie and Ross enjoyed 11 wonderful years in Evanston, Illinois and Stephanie taught in Des Plaines, where she had her own successful career as a speech and language pathologist. They bought their first condominium and then first house and welcomed Benjamin and then Lindsay. Then in 1981 they moved to Baltimore, where Stephanie was the hostess for countless faculty, student and faculty candidate dinners as Ross founded a department at Johns Hopkins University. They spent thirteen delightful years watching the department and their children grow, and Stephannie teaching emotionally disturbed children at a school for children with special needs. She also taught as a Suzuki-method piano teacher and was active in the Presbyterian Church there, serving as a Deacon and as President of the Women's Circle. She started a special program for the homeless and was named the Woman of the Year by the church. And finally, more than 30 years ago, they moved to Boulder for Ross to serve as CU engineering dean, and from where they saw their children mature and move on to their own successful careers, and getting very happily married; Benjamin to Adriana and Lindsay to Kirk. And they rejoiced in the birth of their granddaughter, Alexa. Stephanie taught speech for a year in the public schools, before deciding to spend her time helping Ross with the many social and traveling duties, and then as volunteer coordinator for a nonprofit and volunteering at Boulder's Emergency Family Assistance Association. Stephanie appreciated so many wonderful friendships during her years in Boulder. Stephanie and Ross had the most wonderful 50th anniversary in Palm Springs in 2022 and then celebrated again a year later at Skytop Lodge in the Poconos, where they had spent their honeymoon. Ross can't say any more, other than, "I have always and always will love you, Stephanie." There will be a memorial service at a date to be announced at the First Congregational Church of Boulder.