

JEANNIE T. JORDAN COOKE (1960-2020)
LdM Class of 1978



Winfield, Illinois – May 24, 2020

Jeannie Jordan, 59, of Winfield, Illinois passed on May 24th, 2020 from brain cancer.

Jeannie was born on August 25th, 1960 in Chicago, Illinois. It was “Christmas in August” as she always said. When her family moved from Oak Lawn to Northbrook, she attended St. Norbert Catholic School, St. Louise de Marillac High School in Northfield, IL, and received her BA in Communications from Illinois State University where she was also active in sorority Chi Omega and was on “Corphyees,” a member of the university dance team. She lived in numerous places but spoke most fondly of her years in Vancouver, BC along with her hometown of Wheaton/Winfield.

Jeannie’s professional life took her all over the country. She was a well-respected marketing executive for Starwood Retail Partners. Jeannie was beloved by her work teams and colleagues for her sense of compassion and willingness to fight for what she believed was right.

Jeannie was predeceased by her father Eugene T. Jordan. She is survived by her beloved spouse Richard Cooke, her mother Dorothy (Barrett) Jordan, loving children Jordan DeFrank, Madeleine DeFrank, Grant Cooke, and Adam Cooke. Her loving siblings are Terrie Jordan Beckman and Kathie Jordan Lyons. Her nieces and nephews are Robert V Schuttler III, Lindsey Schuttler Vargas, Molly Lyons Werner, and Patrick Lyons. Her aunt and uncle are Joan Barrett Gebhardt and Anthony Gebhardt.

Jeannie met her husband Rich at work and they became the best of friends, being inseparable as time grew. They enjoyed playing golf, taking long weekend trips to Wisconsin, gardening, with Rich always supporting her love of the color blue. Rich adored, loved and cherished her from the day they met until her final day on this earth. “LOML” or “Love of My Life” was the nickname they gave each other.

Jeannie was an amazingly dedicated mother, sister, friend and wife and was supported and loved by many throughout her difficult journey. Being diagnosed with a terminal brain cancer in August of 2019, she fought this ugly disease every day with amazing grace and dignity. She was always pleasant and thankful to all for their help and remained steadfastly positive, being stronger than all of us through her journey.

Jeannie was a bright light in this world and will be in the next. We are all better to have known and loved her and should aspire to be more like her each and every day. We will all miss you so very much, my LOML.

A Celebration of Life mass is scheduled for Friday, June 26th at 1 p.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church, 310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187.