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CARMEN CORS



Carmen Cors, 45, of Catskill, N.Y., beloved daughter of Theodore C. and Anne Cors of Williamsburg, Va., and Guillermina Jasso of New York City, died on July 20, in Williamsburg, Va., after a brave and courageous journey with cancer.

A graduate of Brown University, Carmen was recently profiled in the alumni newsletter and in the "Catskill Daily Mail" for her approach to her treatment. She lived longer than expected given her initial prognosis, but she left us much too soon.

A lover of all things musical, Carmen dedicated herself to playing the didgeridoo beginning in 1998. An accomplished didge player, she has played for the Catholic Archdiocese of New York, the 2000 Olympics, and at the Pearl Street Mall in Boulder, Colo. Playing the didge was to be transformative in her life and losing her ability to play was the first signal of her illness. Later, as she returned to playing the Didgeridoo, she gave the playing some of the credit for her remarkable success with her illness. Carmen was a person of many journeys and many paths. She was the consummate explorer of nature through hiking and kayaking, and was always eager to learn what nature was teaching her. Carmen wrote about her journey with cancer in "Defying Gravity: My Travels with the Shapeshifter Cancer." She was determined to change her body's "inner

ecology so that cancer could not thrive." She was successful for a long time.

She will be missed by all who were privileged to know her. She leaves behind many friends and family, including her devoted siblings Cynthia Cors of Ashland, Va., Charles Cors of Reykjavik, Iceland, Susan (husband, Jeremy) Findlay of Williamsburg, Va., and Theodore M. Cors of Williamsburg, Va. In addition, she leaves four nephews and three nieces.

Carmen had one request and that was to play "All You Need Is Love" at her funeral.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Saturday at Church of Our Saviour in Jacksonville. Family will meet friends from 9:30-10:45 a.m. until the time of service Saturday at the church. She will be buried alongside her late grandparents, Joseph G. and Nellie M. Cors, at Calvary Cemetery in Jacksonville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Heartland Hospice Services, 11835 Fishing Point Drive, Suite 101, Newport News, VA 23606. Condolences may be offered to the family at carmencors11@gmail.com. Williamson Funeral Home in Jacksonville is in charge of arrangements.

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