



Ilene Wolf McCaffrey

August 10, 1954 - January 19, 2021

Ilene Wolf (Cohen) McCaffrey passed away on January 19th, 2021 after complications of a stroke. Ilene is survived by her loving husband Joseph McCaffrey of 30 years; her daughter Kaitlyn McCaffrey, future son-in-law Nick Rispoli, and her son Colin McCaffrey, her sister Jan Feldman (Gerry) and her brother Scott Cohen (Lois); along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Ilene is predeceased by her parents Irwin and Betty Cohen.

Ilene was born in Baltimore, MD and made her way to what she considered her home in Philadelphia after attending the University of Pennsylvania (Wharton – Class of 75'). She went on to pursue a successful career as a Certified Public Accountant where she spent the majority of her career at Simonson, Lipschuz and Fogel. After spending over 40 years in the Philadelphia area and raising two kids, Joe and Ilene fulfilled a lifelong dream of moving to Florida where they have been for the past year and a half.

Ilene met her loving husband Joe in Avalon, NJ in the summer of 1989, and after just over a year they were married on November 11th, 1990.

Ilene enjoyed playing tennis, mahjong and her most recent new found love of pickleball. She was a lover of animals and anywhere she went she would learn all of the neighborhood dog's names well before she learned any of the owner's names. She enjoyed watching any parade whether it was a small local parade or the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. She was an avid

traveler, a love that she got from her mother Betty. She has been to all seven continents on trips she enjoyed with her husband, children, and extended family that were filled with so many incredible memories. Ilene was a wonderful mother, wife, sister and friend and she will be dearly missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the ASPCA or your local animal shelter; or to Beth David Synagogue.

There will be a virtual memorial service held on Sunday January 24th at 10:30am. For information on how to view the service and when the family is sitting shiva please visit:www.toalebrothers.com

Topic: Memorial Service for Ilene McCaffrey

Time: Jan 24, 2021 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83361681376?pwd=aIRjTWIhdIZYOWdzdGdnejdoQ0Jadz09>

Meeting ID: 833 6168 1376 Passcode: 091829

Topic: Shiva for Ilene McCaffrey

Time: Jan 25, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87257371293?pwd=U1k5WDBFSGVpWUplEWW1UeUZpQjJSZz09>

Meeting ID: 872 5737 1293 Passcode: 778496

Tribute Wall

IS

“ So sorry to hear of Ilene's passing. Shocking news. I only have fond memories her...she was one of my first friends in kindergarten in Baltimore, gave me a stuffed animal as a birthday present which I kept and passed on to my own child. May Ilene's memory be a blessing. Sending warmth to the family.

ILONA E SHILLMAN - January 25, 2021 at 03:48 PM

JP

“ I last saw Ilene over breakfast in Philly, just after her trip to Thailand. We had a lovely meal and I'm so glad to have that memory. Missing the family and sending condolences and lots of love to everyone.

Jessica Pressman - January 24, 2021 at 06:56 PM

EB

“ Dear Joe Caitlin and Colin, I was shocked to hear the news about Ilene , your mom , and send my deepest condolences and love. I loved my chats with Ilene when I would walk my dog in Bala Cynwyd -she would always remind me to go to the Windrift to find a good man as she did! She was always smiling and laughing and in good spirits . A warm and generous soul . May she Rest In Peace and may your memories give you comfort . Love Eve Bosnick(Chamoun)

eve bosnick - January 24, 2021 at 06:26 PM

NE

“ Joe, Kaitlyn and Colin... I am saddened to read about your loss! I have many fond memories of the McCaffrey family! May the happiest of memories carry you through these difficult times!

🥺💙😭 Nancy Einstein

Nancy Einstein - January 24, 2021 at 04:19 PM

RL

“ Dear Joe, Kaitlyn and Connor,

Renee, Maddy, Caitlyn and I are so very sorry for your loss. We share many memories with you and your family from the Chili Peppers, both laughs and tears, watching our kids grow up. Then, in recent years, it was nice to reconnect with Ilene at Germantown Cricket Club. She always had good energy and kind word. From our family to yours, we offer our heartfelt condolences and sincere sympathy for your loss.

Ricky Liss

Ricky Liss - January 24, 2021 at 12:41 PM

NL

“ *From baby strollers, to Rocky & Maxie walks, to block parties. From Break Fasts, to ballet performances, to Phila. orchestra rehearsals. From College Park to chance meetings in LBI Viking village, to Washington Square catch-up coffees. I will always remember Ilene. Forever solidly sure. Always the voice of reason. One of a kind, she was.*

Sending love and condolences to you Joe, Kaitlyn and Colin, Nancy and Jeff

Nancy Librett - January 24, 2021 at 12:23 PM

FT

“ Joe, Kaitlyn and Connor -
We were saddened to hear of Ilene's passing and share our love and prayers with you. She was always so full of life, vibrant and energetic. I have wonderful memories of summers at Germantown Cricket and running into her when we all moved to the city. She will be remembered fondly. Fay Trachtenberg and Howard Goldman

Fay Trachtenberg - January 24, 2021 at 09:10 AM

MA

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I have very fond memories of your family, both babysitting for you in Bala Cynwyd and when we caught up during your family vacation in Hawaii. Ilene was so full of life. She will be missed.

margaert (maley) St. Andre - January 24, 2021 at 07:26 AM

SG

“ We at Germantown Cricket Club in Philadelphia were shocked and so saddened to hear of Ilene's passing. I played tennis with her for many years. She was a terrific organizer of season tennis schedules and great to play with. She was a kind, caring and smart person. We heard about Joe, Kaitlyn and Colin, and later, Nick, over the years. She loved and was so proud of you all. We knew we would miss her when she sent an email to her "Tennis Pals" letting us know she was moving to Florida. We will miss her even more now.

*My deep condolences,
Sandy Girifalco
A "Tennis Pal"*

Sandy Girifalco - January 24, 2021 at 01:22 AM

ST

Sandy has stated her feelings beautifully and I echo her sentiments. Also, I will never forget my mahjong lesson with Ilene.

Susan B Thomas - January 24, 2021 at 10:36 AM

SL

“ *I am sure that many of Ilene's friends have heard of Capon Springs WV (this is where our family, the Lachuts', met her and Joe); the McCaffrey's were a part of our Capon Family that sat at our big family table in the Main House dining room and on "The Hill." There are so many wonderful memories but not enough space to share so I will share one of my most favorite:*

Years ago when Capon had renovated the West Virginia (the bldg/rooms that we stay in) I had this crazy idea to bring my ball & jacks from Jr. High School for kicks and giggles. When we arrived and saw the HUGE bathroom I told Ilene that we should play jacks on the spacious floor. Here we were, 2 grown women kneeling on the brand new linoleum; I knew for sure I was gonna win. SHE BEAT THE PANTS OFF ME ! LOLLOLOLOL.

From time to time, that cherished memory comes to me. Ilene was always friendly, perky, and really just a ball of excitement. I will always remember she and Joe entering in the Capon couples tennis tournament and she would come into looking so cute in her tennis outfit. When we go to Capon this year I will ask that there be an empty seat for her at our table. She and her wonderful enthusiasm will surely be missed. Heaven got a whole lot brighter a few days ago. Take her under your wing God; you've got a real angel up there with you now.

Stacey K. Lachut, Mike, Kelley, Ellie, and Katie

Stacey Lachut - January 23, 2021 at 08:26 PM

MW

“ Joe, Kaitlyn and Colin, I am so sorry that you lost your wife and mother. She was a special lady. I always enjoyed her company and conversations at McCaffrey family gatherings. I will always remember this lovely lady that lives on in all of you.

Love and prayers,
Mary Wible

Mary Wible - January 23, 2021 at 06:08 PM

SL

“ While I did not know this wonderful lady, I read the obit and I know she was a very special person. I am the one in our neck of the woods that know's every pet around. I buy treats for cats and dogs to keep at home and my car. She sounds so very special. Condolences to her family.

Sheila Littleton - January 23, 2021 at 12:33 PM

BM

“ Joe, Kaitlyn and Colin- we are so sorry to hear about Ilene. I remember so many days spent talking with Ilene at the edge of the soccer field. What a wonderful person, friend, and mother!
Barbara Matteucci and John Rizzo

Barbara Matteucci - January 23, 2021 at 09:53 AM

MD

“ Joe, I am so sad to read of Ilene's passing. I remember her as a staunch supporter of you and your run for the PA State House back in the days when Democrats were running candidates, but not yet winning the races. My deepest condolences to you and your family.
Mary Jo Daley (you may remember me as Mary Jo Pauxtis)

Mary Jo Daley - January 23, 2021 at 06:09 AM