



Vanda Yvonne Bayliss

March 3, 2019

Vanda Yvonne Bayliss, 67, passed away March 3rd, 2019, in Sarasota, Florida after a brief battle with cancer.

Her Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday March 9th, 2019, at the Marina Jacks Private Event Room from 1-3pm.

Ms. Bayliss was born on July 29th, 1951, in London, England. She came to St. Petersburg, Florida with her parents when she was five years old, and graduated from Dixie Hollins High School in 1969. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of South Florida in 1972, and her law degree from Stetson University College of Law in 1977. She was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1978, and moved to Sarasota, Florida, where she spent the next forty years as an attorney and mediator.

Ms. Bayliss was one of the founding members of the Florida Association of Women Lawyers Sarasota Chapter, and she served on the board for the Sarasota County Bar Association. Ms. Bayliss was a fierce advocate for the community often volunteering as a guardian ad litem, and won the Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award in 1991. Ms. Bayliss also spent time volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, the Special Olympics, and numerous other charitable causes. After retiring, Ms. Bayliss thoroughly enjoyed her time volunteering for Meals on Wheels.

In lieu of flowers, Ms. Bayliss' family is asking that you please donate to Meals on Wheels of Sarasota in her honor at mealsonwheelsofsarasota.org or by sending a donation to P.O. Box 178 Sarasota, FL 34230-0178.

Ms. Bayliss was an avid world traveler throughout her life, and backpacked through both Europe and the United States in her younger days. Just before falling ill, Ms. Bayliss traveled to both Morocco and Iceland. She loved to be active, and over the years she spent much of her time playing tennis, golf, kayaking, and skiing. She had a beautiful taste for life and adventure, and her family would like her to be remembered in that way.

Ms. Bayliss is survived by her two children, Geoff Wilson and Amber Wilson, her mother, Patricia Dornbush, her three grandchildren, and a fourth grandchild on the way.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 9. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Marina Jack
2 Marina Plaza
Sarastoa, FL 34236

Tribute Wall

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“ *Vanda Bayliss was a consummate legal professional. It was my honor and privilege to hear her clients’ cases as a Family Division Judge over the years. I am shocked and saddened by her passing, but want her family to know that she was one of the best lawyers in this community. She will be greatly missed. Becky A. Titus (former Circuit Court Judge, now retired)* ”

Becky A. Titus - March 09, 2019 at 07:28 AM

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“ *I am so sorry to hear this news. I traveled with Vanda through Peru two years ago. She was a wonderful woman and we kept in touch through Facebook. I fly back to Peru on Saturday and was about to reach out to her to let her know when I saw the message on her page. Truly a great loss. My condolences to the family. Nasreen Ali* ”

Nasree Ali - March 06, 2019 at 03:20 PM