



## Julie Gibbons-Neff Cox

April 15, 1951 - October 26, 2010

Julie Gibbons-Neff Cox of Easton died Tuesday, Oct. 26 after an extended fight with Lung Cancer and associated complications. She was 59.

Born in Bryn Mawr, Pa., she was the daughter of Phyllis Barba Gibbons-Neff and the late Grellet Gibbons-Neff. She grew up in Devon, Pa. and after graduating from college, she moved to the Eastern Shore to work at Nautor, a Yacht Brokerage for Swan Yachts in Oxford, Md.

Later, she worked at the Gunston School in Centreville as the administrative assistant to the headmaster. After that, she worked at the Talbot County Historical Society in Easton. Most recently, Julie worked at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels in a number of different positions including the Collections Manager, Capital Campaign Coordinator, and eventually Assistant to the President. She was a critical part of the most successful Capital Campaign for the Museum. During her years at the CBMM, as she did throughout her life, Julie was able to develop a relationship with everyone she met that seemed to go beyond being just a friend. She cherished the close relationship she had with each of her friends and associates.

It is in Easton where Julie met her husband, David M. Cox. They were married on Feb. 5, 1977.

Julie was an avid sailor virtually all her life. She became involved with competitive sailing at the Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club in Beach Haven, N.J. as a student and instructor and her passion for racing took off from there. Racing Lasers, she traveled up and down the East Coast for various competitions including the Tred Avon Yacht Club in 1973 when she first moved to the Eastern Shore.

After moving to Easton, she enjoyed racing with the PHRF fleet, including many races all over the Chesapeake Bay, in Newport R.I., Block Island Race Week, and in the Onion Patch Series in Bermuda. She frequently sailed in Penguins with and against her husband and she also sailed on the log canoe Island Lark where she trimmed the mainsail for several years.

Julie was a long-time member of the Tred Avon Yacht Club where she helped organize and coordinate regattas and served on many race committees. She was a member of the Harbor Club, the Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia and Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club in Beach Haven N.J.

In addition to sailing, Julie loved her gardens and was involved with the Philadelphia Flower Show for a couple of years as a clerk to the Judges. Anyone who knew Julie well also knew how much she loved her family, friends, her dogs and cat, family ancestry, horseback riding, reading, and golf.

In addition to her husband, Julie is survived by her two children, Sewall C. Cox of Annapolis and Jeffrey D. Cox and his wife Katherine B. Cox of Easton; her Mother Phyllis Gibbons Neff, two sisters, Sewall Hornsey of Chester Springs, Pa., Emily Wargo of Rosemont, Pa. and her brother, Jeffrey Gibbons-Neff of Annapolis. She is also survived by her grandson, Julian Richard Cox (Born October 17, 2010) of Easton, several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Julie's memory may be made to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, P.O. Box 636, St. Michaels, Md. 21663 or the Country School, 716 Goldsborough St., Easton, Md. 21601.

A private service for family at the Oxford Cemetery in Oxford on Nov. 27th followed by a gathering for a Memorial Corson-Cox football game to be held at Hampden.

# Tribute Wall



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“ On behalf of her classmates from The Conestoga High School Class of 1969, I would like to extend our sympathy to Julie's husband, children and family. So many of our class were saddened to hear of her passing. We will always remember her infectious smile & outstanding athletic abilities. She will always be remembered as a fierce competitor in life! Our thoughts and prayers are with Julie and family.##imported-begin##Maryann Troisi/ Class of '69 Reunion Committee##imported-end##

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“ *My heartfelt sympathies to the family as they cope with the loss of their dear loved one. May the memories shared and resurrection hope Jesus spoke of in the Bible be a source of comfort. How comforting in knowing "the God of all comfort" will do away with both sickness and death as noted in the Bible at Revelations 21:3-5*##imported-begin##Delores Allen ##imported-end##

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