



## Karen M. Fox

January 30, 1949 - March 15, 2022

Karen M. Fox, 73, passed away at her daughter's home in Jupiter, FL on March 15, 2022 after a battle with pancreatic cancer and kidney disease. She was born on January 30, 1949 in Bay Shore, NY to Andrew J. Melton, Jr. and Mary Ann Melton, the patriarch and matriarch of the Melton family, who raised eight amazing children. Ms. Fox owned and operated Karen Fox Designs, Inc., a successful high-end interior design firm, for over thirty years in North Palm Beach, FL. During the course of her career, Ms. Fox worked with numerous CEOs and their families to bring color and comfort to their lives and transform their houses into homes. Her work appeared in national and regional publications, including Architectural Digest and Florida Design. Raised in Bay Shore, NY, Ms. Fox graduated from Endicott College, where she met her lifelong best friend, Leslie Shackleton Martel. Following college, Ms. Fox and Ms. Martel moved to South Florida where unforgettable memories were made and the stories of their adventures offer all the elements of a classic American buddy film. While living in Singer Island, Ms. Fox met and later married her former husband, Dr. M. Joseph Fox, DDS, and they had two daughters, Christy and Shannon Fox. Ms. Fox's greatest joy was her two daughters, her son-in-law, Ehron Elkins, and especially her granddaughters, Izzy and Darcy Elkins. Ms. Fox will be remembered by her family as a loving, strong, smart, kind, political, funny, fun, generous, sometimes extravagant, and an always messy one-of-a-kind lady. Although debilitating pain kept her from enjoying the active life she had once loved, her humor, generosity, and

empathy endeared her to all who met her. She was the greatest supporter for those around her and always saw talent and possibility shining through. Whether it was a nurse who had a dream to start their own business or encouraging her children to apply to law school or run for office, there was no greater cheerleader than Karen Fox. She made everyone around her feel talented and loved.

Ms. Fox is survived by her loving daughters and son-in-law, Christy Fox, West Palm Beach, FL, and Shannon Fox and Ehron Elkins, Jupiter FL; her beloved grandchildren, Izzy and Darcy Elkins, and her adorable five fur grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings Diana Melton Lemmen (Robert) of Bremen, Germany; Andrew J. Melton III (Marion) of New York, NY; Marjorie Melton Field (Ted) of Jupiter, FL; Sandra Melton Lessing (Stephen) of Cold Spring Harbor, NY; Michaelle Melton Stott (Tom) of Riverside, CT; and, Edward L. Melton (Ellen) of Darien, CT; and sister-in-law, Betsy Melton of Richmond, VA. Ms. Fox was pre-deceased by her beloved parents Andrew J. Melton Jr. and Mary Ann Melton, and brother Colonel Robert S. Melton, USMC. The family wants to share their gratitude and thanks to Dr. Nicole Corry, MD, who took our every call and text and showed so much compassion to our mom; Dr. Marco Ghignone, MD, who assisted our mom with pain management for so many years; Dr. Kerim Oncu, DO, who saved our mom's life multiple times over the years; and Radika Ramdhari, my mom's aid who became a dear friend and meant so much to her.

# Tribute Wall



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