



Katherine Ehrlich



Katherine Anne Elizabeth Weir McFarlan Ehrlich arrived for her first tee time at The Lord's Course in Heaven on June 24, 2013. As was her habit, she arrived quite early, as she was only fifty-nine years old.

Kathy was born October 18, 1953 to Fred and Isabelle Weir in Brooklyn, New York. In spite of this, she grew up to be an outstanding student and graduated from St. John's University where she starred in academics, as a cheerleader and worked in the Athletic Department, primarily with the legendary basketball coach Lou Carnesecca. In 1974 she married Tim McFarlan and moved to Arizona, where she finished her credits for graduation at the University of Arizona, again working in the Athletic Department. When

Samaritan Health System hired Tim, they moved to Phoenix. After the birth of three sons Kathy began a career with Hewlett Packard, beginning as a sales representative for cardiac monitoring equipment and ending as a National Human Resources Manager prior to her retirement in 2003. She received multiple awards at every level of her employment and enjoyed her career at HP as much as HP enjoyed her as an employee.

On her first day as an employee at HP she began an effort that resulted in a sale of a million dollar order of monitoring equipment to St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix. During this effort she formed a friendship with three nurses and a cardiologist from St. Joseph's, a friendship that had ramifications for the future. Kathy and Tim divorced in 1994 and in 2000 Kathy married that cardiologist, Dr. Ira Ehrlich. She has since described the monitoring equipment effort as "the best sale I ever made."

Due to Ira's love of golf, Kathy took up the sport. At first it was on an infrequent basis due to her work, but after her retirement she adopted the game in earnest. In spite of her late arrival, she became an excellent player with multiple rounds in the 70s and a room full of trophies. She joined the Board of The Arizona Women's Golf Association and served two terms as President. After her term ended, she was asked to join the Executive Committee of the Arizona Golf Association, only the third woman in its history to do so, and would have been President in two years. She served as a USGA Rules Official and was on the USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Committee. Her love of the game, her commitment to the rules and her ascent from beginner to excellence was typical of Kathy's approach to life in general.

Kathy loved her family, her friends, her husband, her home, and her life. She was the most positive and strong person you could meet. She awoke every morning with a smile and her smile would light up the lives of those around her with its beauty and its joy. Our loss is indescribable.

Kathy was predeceased by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Ira, her sons Brendan (Kelly), Patrick (Katie) and Terrance (Alison) McFarlan, stepchildren David Ehrlich (Elena) and Diana Teich (Seth) and nine of the grandest grandchildren ever. She also has multiple cousins with whom she was close, her ex-husband and good friend Tim McFarlan (Kristi) and a brother, Fred Weir (Debbie).

Private services have already occurred. A Celebration of the Life of Kathy Ehrlich will be held at The Silverleaf Club in Scottsdale on June 30, 2013 at 3:00 PM. There is much to celebrate in this too brief life.

In lieu of flowers, we would request contributions to be made to Jewish Genetic Diseases Center of Greater Phoenix, 12701 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 201, Scottsdale AZ 85254, a charity very close to the family, or Our Lady of Mercy Academy, 815 Convent Rd., Syosset, New York 11791, her beloved High School.