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Consuelo Murray

Murray, Consuelo M. 9/17/51-6/20/09 Consuelo Murray, Chelo to her family and friends, was a physician, a dog lover and musician. She had a fierce and varied life, and touched an helped many people and dogs. She suffered from rectal cancer for 18 months, and passed away on June 20th. She endured her illness as she lived her life, with courage and dignity. Chelo was born in Mexico City on September 17, 1951. Her parents Tommie Niles and Bradley Murray, were divorced and her mother remarried a physician, Bob Kimbro of Cleburne, Texas. This started two major forces in Chelo's life: her strong sense of love and security with her new family, step father Bob, and his children, Bill and Penny, and her interest in medicine. Chelo graduated from The Hockaday School in Dallas in 1968, graduated cum laude from Rice University in 1972, and from medical school at the University of Texas at Galveston in 1976. She completed her internship and residency at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas, and a fellowship in hematology/oncology at the University of Texas Health Science Center of Dallas. After her medical training, Chelo joined the Texas Oncology group in Dallas, where she worked from 1981-1992. Chelo was certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Clinical Oncology. She was the first woman physician specializing in hematology and oncology at Baylor University Medical Center. After 1992, Chelo worked as a medical paralegal. From 1998-2003 she served as the medical director for Trinity Works Medical Clinic for the homeless. After Trinity Works Clinic closed in 2004, Chelo joined David Donnell in private practice. For the past two years, Chelo worked as a part time physician for Care Now in north Dallas until her illness forced her to quit. Her pro bono work included working with the Nelson-Tebedo AIDS Clinic. She was also an instructor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. Besides medicine, Chelo's passions were dogs and music. Chelo was involved in greyhound rescue, in animal adoption through Straydog, and in many other dog-related causes and groups, including justdogsinthehouse.yuku.com. She was a serious dog lover, usually having three to five dogs of her own. Chelo was involved in the Irish Music Festival in Dallas, playing the fiddle and hosting young traveling Irish singers in her home. She enjoyed playing the piano for relaxation. Her other interests included gardening, reading and traveling. During the last days of her life, a friend told her she thought Chelo had been very brave throughout her illness; with her usual spunk, Chelo replied, "Yo soy valiente!" She was. Chelo is survived by her sisters Penny Kimbro Kraus of Houston, Vikki Murray Wolff of Rochester, MN, and Amanda Murray Green of Sebastopol, CA, and by her brother Bill Kimbro of Beaverton, Oregon, as well as by her brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, and by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her grandparents. Memorials in Chelo's name to Vista Care Hospice or Straydog would be appreciated. Donations to Vista Care should be sent to Vista Care Hospice, Attn.: Angela Campbell, 7557 Rambler Road, Suite 112, Dallas, TX 75231. Donations to Straydog should be mailed to P.O.Box 1465, Gun Barrel City, TX 75147.

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