



Martha Cattell

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Please join us in remembering Martha. Through this site we invite you to share your thoughts and fond memories with our family.

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“ Marty Cattell and her kids grew up with my family in Eastchester, New York. I only have fondest memories of this brilliant, beautiful, warm, compassionate human being who taught her children to live by "The Golden Rule" long before there was a Civil Rights Law in this country. She was a talented professional and an enthusiastic tennis player! My dad, Art Wise, loved tennis as much as Marty, and they would often talk of their heroes Billie Jean King, Rod Laver, John Newcombe and, later, Arthur Ashe and Bjorn Borg. Her son Chris and I were classmates, from our earliest days in 1955 at Anne Hutchinson School, through graduation in 1968 from Eastchester Senior High School. We studied with the same teachers and struggled on the same fields of sports with Coach Dom Ciceri, who is still youthful and athletic while the rest of us have "fallen apart" during the ensuing years! Marty was a civic role model and mentor to many young university women entering the professional world at a time when few women had careers outside the home. Eastchester was a "bedroom community" for many NY commuters, like its neighbors in Tuckahoe, Bronxville, Mount Vernon, and Scarsdale. Marty was an active and engaged parent, especially sympathetic to next-door neighbors Robert, Richard, and Donald Stein, who had lost both parents when they were still in school, and the safety and friendship of the Caldwell Street-Tuckahoe Road neighborhood was an important source of support and strength to all the neighbors, including the Solomons, Liskers, Bermans, and Wises, to name but a few. Our parents were like "shared parents" to all the neighborhood children, and loved one another as they loved their own children. It was a time of community and neighborhood which barely exists anymore. Thanks to Marty and her kids, we had a strong, safe, happy childhood, and Marty's legacy will always be one of faith and kindness in the hearts and memories of all she met and helped, throughout her long and fruitful lifetime, May she rest among the Angels forever. Nathan Wise, on behalf of Arthur, Alice, and Cathy.

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