

REENSBORO Marieca (Marti) Haydon passed away on May 3, 2017 at Moses Cone Hospital after a brief illness. A memorial gathering will be May 13, 2017 from 2 to 3:30 at George Brothers Funeral Service on Greenhaven Drive. Born on November 24, 1953 in Portsmouth, VA, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Helen Haydon. She graduated Smith High School and Stetson University in Deland, Florida. Her career included many years in commercial real estate and, for 22 years, as a buyer for Replacements, Ltd., from which she retired last year. Marieca is survived by her sister, Deborah Gill, brother-inlaw John Gill; niece Yasmin Gill, nephew Larson Collins. She is also survived by her partner of 22 years, Jennifer Ward. Avid tennis and golf player for many years and later mastering duplicate bridge, she was a Life Master in the ACBL and directed two weekly duplicate games in Greensboro. Animal advocate, old movie enthusiast, she loved reading and music. Traveling the world with Jennifer gave her great happiness. Her dedication and care of her late mother exemplified her humanity that extended to all her family. Marieca was witty, kind, intelligent and, a friend to many. Respected and loved by family and friends, she was truly the best sister, aunt and daughter and partner anyone could ever have, and she will be missed. I would like to thank her doctors, all staff for 3rd Midwest IC Unit at Moses Cone for their exceptional care. In lieu of flowers, donations in Marti's memory may be made to Happy Hills Animal Foundation. Happy Hills Drive, Staley, NC 27365.

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