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Gwynne Gates Cosgriff(1947 - 2015)

Gwynne Gates Cosgriff passed away peacefully at her home in Golden, Colorado on September 21, 2015. She was born June 22, 1947 in Denver, Colorado. Her father, Caleb F. Gates, [Istanbul, Turkey] was former Chancellor of Denver University and her mother was Elizabeth Farnum Gates [Bryn Mawr, PA]. They died in 1956 and 1958 respectively. Her two sisters, Betsy and Mary Ellen also predeceased her in 1985 and 2007 respectively. She is survived by her older brother, Caleb F. Gates, Jr. of Denver, Colorado and Donna Gates of Shelbourne Falls, MA. She is also survived by her daughters, Hadley McDonald (Tim), of Leadville, Colorado. Emily Lee (Vernen), of Fairbanks, Alaska. Gwynne has two grandsons, Jordi Goodwin, (born December 31, 1996) and Tristan McDonald (born July 31, 1996), whom she dearly loved. She attended House in the Pines, Norton, MA and graduated in 1965. She went to Lassel College for nursing. After she married Peter Cosgriff July 11, 1987, she moved from Peterborough, New Hampshire to Leadville, Colorado, where he practiced law. After Peter's death Gwynne remained in Leadville and she pursued a career in Myofascial Release Therapy and became a Reiki Master. She made many lifelong friends and donated countless hours to the betterment of Leadville. She was a longtime board member of the Leadville Arts Coalition and also spent time volunteering with Lake County Revitalization team and Helping Hands of Leadville. In 2013 due to health problems she moved from her beloved home to the Denver area. She had a tremendous support system with family and friends throughout her life and she loved and was loved by many. Importantly Gwynne's spirit was an endless smile and a love of every aspect of life. She was strong, full of joy and made everyone around her laugh. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Gwynne's name to Leadville Arts Council PO Box 1278, Leadville, Colorado, 80461 A celebration of her life will be held at The Inn at Twin Lakes, 6435 State Hwy 82, Twin Lakes, Colorado, October 17th, 1pm.

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