ELLEN LIEBER

ELLEN, died Nov. 5, 2014. She was the beloved daughter of Marlene (Matzy) and the late Robert Lieber, and adored sister of Lee and Charles. Despite having been diagnosed with and treated for brain cancer at age 6, and having been given 3 months to live, she overcame physical and cognitive disabilities, and exceeded all predictions and hopes, to live a fruitful and productive life.

Ellen graduated from Moorestown High with honors and following her love of animals and small children volunteered at the Philadelphia Zoo, and worked as a teacher's assistant at Tots Coop Nursery school for 25 years. In recognition of Ellen's heroic struggle, she was awarded the Life Achievement Award for "despite suffering severe debilitating and life threatening health problems, has exhibited the sense of purpose and desire necessary to reach her fullest potential...and was recognized for strength, determination, courage, and commitment to succeed by the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders. There were carefree times for Ellen, also. During vacations, Ellen and her parents visited numerous national parks, and then travelled to all 7 continents. But after 48 years, Ellen was defeated in her valiant battle against the after-effects of her cancer treatment (radiation). In death, as in life, she continued giving, and donated her body to science.

Our sincere thanks to the staff of Vitas Hospice Care, who helped to ease the final days.