## Cynthia Parker Kaback March 13, 1943 April 16, 2020 Astoria, NY



**Cynthia Parker Kaback** was born in Evanston, IL., March 13, 1943 to John Stone and Frances (Houlihan)Parker. "Cindy" spent her childhood in Rockford, IL. and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in General Studies from Northwestern University. She later received a Master's of Performing Arts degree from Yale University.

Following graduation, she joined the USO and toured Asia, performing for the United States military in multiple countries. After returning from her second tour with the USO, Cindy was hired by the Leo Burnett advertising agency but quickly returned to her true love, the arts, as Production Manager of a small traveling play called "The Proposition." In early 1970, "The Proposition" played an off-Broadway theater, the Mercer Art Center. The owner operator of the Mercer Art Center was a wellknown New York City businessman and former professional

race car driver, Sy Kaback. Cynthia and Sy began dating, and Cindy stayed on as General Manager of the Center after the "The Proposition" had moved on. The Mercer Art Center physically collapsed in August of 1973 as portrayed in the HBO series Vinyl. Cynthia once again found her way back to the arts, becoming the General Manager of the Martha Graham Dance Company. Sy and Cindy Kaback were married in Paris in 1976. In the 1980's Cindy worked for the New World Record Company, serving as Vice President until she and Sy retired to East Hampton, NY in 1992 to focus on family.

In retirement, Cindy became Vice President of her local chapter of Meals on Wheels and dedicated her time volunteering and fund raising for multiple charities and local organizations in the Hamptons. An avid reader and lover of animals, Cindy and Sy also enjoyed sailing competitively in local racing circuits, traveling, and spending time with her adoring children.

Widowed in 2005, Cindy Kaback died from the Coronavirus on April 16, 2020. She is survived by two sons, Galen Wells Kaback, 37, of Astoria, Queens New York City and Parker Kaback, 40 of Casco Viejo, Panama.

My brother, Parker, wrote the above and I am informing everyone via this platform with heavy heart. I wish I had the time to inform everyone individually, but unfortunately, time did not allow for that. There are no services planned at this time. When we make arrangements for a service, we will make it known.

Private FACEBOOK Tribute by Sons, Galen Wells Kaback, Astoria, Queens, New York, NY Parker Kaback, Casco Viejo, Panama