

## **Barbara Kimberly Lilie**

**December 28, 1974 - March 14, 2019**

Barbara Kimberly Lilie entered eternal life on March 14, 2019, in Oakland, California, after a brief but fierce cancer battle. Her spirit is carried on by her father, Paul; her partner, Scott; her brother, Michael; her cousins, Carmen and Erica; loving nieces and nephews; her sister-in-law, Leslie; and dozens and dozens of friends from every walk of life. She was preceded in death by her mother, Ana Hernandez.

We were blessed to learn many valuable lessons from Barbara during her 44 years, including:

Cats are the best, period;

How to be a great boss;

Intersectional feminism or bust;

If a headline asks a question, the answer is no.

Barbara was born in Pennsylvania in 1974 and spent her childhood in New Mexico. She was an accomplished musician, playing the piano, oboe, and flute proficiently. After attending Albuquerque Academy, she graduated from Kenyon College in Ohio. Barbara then moved to New York City to pursue a career in book publishing. She was quickly promoted through positions at Simon & Schuster and HarperCollins. Most recently she led the U.S. iBook team at Apple, relocating to the San Francisco Bay Area.

In addition to her passion for books, Barbara loved music, traveling, exploring the world and capturing the moments in photographs. Her intellect and quick wit were unmatched, as was her devotion to helping women in business break the glass ceiling. She lived a life full of experiences, while almost always wearing her trademark red lipstick.

Her love of cuisine and food was known by all, whether it was the best ramen or the best loaf of bread. She loved solitude as well as her monthly book club meetings and

nights out with friends. Barbara was always open to new experiences, including hang-gliding and kick boxing.

Barbara will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

Donations in her name can be made to Emily's List and the Women's Cancer Resource Center in Oakland, California ([www.wcrc.org](http://www.wcrc.org)).

Barbara was laid to rest at St. Mary's Cemetery on March 20, 2019, in Oakland, California.