

CAPT Barbara S. Furst, SC, USN (Ret.)

Barbara Scott Furst, whose fascination with life, its challenges and bringing order from disorder, died January 26, 2013, after a valiant fight with cancer. She was 62. Born March 17, 1950, in Anchorage, Alaska, she grew up in the Portland, Oregon area. She had an early thirst for things foreign and spent the summer of her junior year of high school as an exchange student in Enschede, Holland and her junior year of college in Salzburg, Austria. Barbara graduated from Willamette College with a degree in Eastern European History in 1972. In 1973 after graduation from Officer's Candidate School in Newport, RI, Barbara was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. She attended Supply Corp School in Athens, GA, and was subsequently stationed in Norfolk, VA and Brooklyn, NY. In 1977 Barbara transitioned to the active Navy Reserves and rose to the rank of Captain. In 1985 Barbara received a Masters Degree in Accounting from the University of Colorado. Barbara joined the IRS as a CPA in 1987 and was employed as a revenue agent. In 1996 she graduated from the University of Denver Law School with a JD; she passed the bar in the spring of 1997. She spent a semester of her study of the law at Downing College, Cambridge, in Cambridge, England. Barbara was passionate about her Old English Roses, often out before dawn trimming the previous day's spent blooms and rejoicing in the fragrance of the opening buds. She enjoyed growing, harvesting and gifting her lavender bounty and offered both roses and lavender to strangers who happened by while she was trimming. Barbara was an advocate of and an ambassador to Curtis Park for more than thirty years of residence. She was actively involved in the restoration of five neighborhood properties. Barbara shared her home with numerous rabbits and cats. Donations in her memory can be made to The Colorado House Rabbit Society, The Cat Care Society, or to the Curtis Park Neighbors organization (through J.Rubsam, 2800 Curtis ST, Denver, 80205). Barbara is survived by a host of friends who loved her; her housemate and traveling pal Nancy; brothers Steven Furst (Patty), Tim Furst (Janet); nephews, nieces, and cousins. Services for Barbara will be at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, 1350 Washington Street, Denver, Colorado, 80203, on Saturday, February 9, 2013, at 1 p.m. (303) 831-7115.