

TRINA LAWSON

LAWSON--Trina Richner. In loving memory of Trina who passed away on August 27, 2013 after a three year battle with cancer. She was born in 1944 to George and Bee (Young) Richner in Baltimore, Maryland. During her childhood she moved 17 times with her parents settling in Richmond, VA for her longest stay and attended Thomas Jefferson High School. She went to Vassar College and graduated cum laude majoring in History. Upon graduation Trina moved to New York City and started the first of her three careers at Young & Rubicam Advertising firm. She changed to BBD&O where she was Director of Corporate Communications. She moved to Ready Communications and ended her advertising career at Ebasco Services. She then switched to executive recruiting and worked at Search Associates with her father, the owner. For twelve years they worked together finding recruits for executive positions until George's retirement when they closed the firm. Trina was not happy in retirement so, on a lark, she responded to an advertisement for holiday sales help at Tiffany & Company where she spent two exciting months. Management asked her to stay on with the Schlumberger Collection, a position she gladly accepted, soon becoming the manager. Eight years later Trina was offered a buy-out package and started her second retirement. Ninety days later, Tiffany asked her to come back part time to work as a Client Development Professional where she worked until very recently. Trina leaves her husband, Ted, whom she married in 1974 after a whirlwind five week courtship. Trina and Ted were always inseparable and a perfect match for each other. Trina was a member of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church for over 40 years where she was married to Ted Lawson and was active and an officer. In recent years she and Ted changed to the Marble Collegiate Church. Trina always was a snappy dresser and her interests were people, politics, the arts and traveling. She was a people person and always at her best when interacting with others. Trina will be sorely missed by all those who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. She is survived by her husband, Ted, a sister-in-law, a number of cousins, and a niece and nephew. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Vassar College would be most appreciated. A celebration of her life will be held at the Marble Collegiate Church located at One West 29th Street (Fifth Avenue) on Sunday, September 29 at 2:30pm.

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