



Eileen Clement Boardman

October 11, 2018

Eileen Boardman passed away surrounded by family Thursday October 11, 2018 at the age of 76. She grew up in Pennsylvania and was valedictorian of her high school. She was the first woman to receive a PhD in Mechanical Engineering from Colorado State University in 1986, focused on solar energy.

She co-founded Boardman Associates in 1986, consulting for a wide variety of organizations using statistical quality measures to promote their long term success.

In 1991, her work co-authored with W. S. Duff titled “Developing performance models of solar energy systems by daily energy input/output curves” was a significant contribution to the field of knowledge for solar energy.

She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2004, which prompted her semi-retirement. However, she continued to support some long-standing clients with Boardman Associates. Her work included efforts in complex fields such as robotic welding, where she would create easily understood learning resources for those in the field.

She fully retired eventually, and focused on playing Mahjong, Bridge, Sudoku, and golf. Very poor golfer (in her words), but loved being outside. She “patiently” waited until the age of 69 for her first grandchild.

In early 2017 she was diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer, and battled through longer than anyone thought possible.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years Thomas Boardman, her two sons Andrew and Jeffrey, and 5 grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, William and Evelyn, and her sister, Joyce. She loved to be outdoors, was a philanthropic supporter of her community, and was dedicated to her family.

Comments



“ Tom,
We were surprised, like may others, to read of Eileen's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Paige and Paula Lunberry

Paige Lunberry - October 25, 2018 at 01:35 PM



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Kendal Karten - October 23, 2018 at 05:46 PM



“ Please accept my deepest condolences in the loss of Eileen. She and your family are always in my great memories when I think of my growing up years in Lindenwood.
Sincerely, Julia (Thornton) Cherry

Julia Cherry - October 23, 2018 at 03:29 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear that Eileen has passed away. She was such a role model for women who want to have a varied life: family, profession and fun. She and I talked about us both working toward a Ph.D in our respective fields. We are sorry for your loss,
John and Nancy Hanck

John and Nancy Hanck - October 17, 2018 at 06:48 PM



“ Dear Tom and family,

We are saddened to learn of Eileen's passing. Chad, Heather and I send our deepest sympathies to you all.

God Bless,
Peg (Droste) Brekke

Peg Brekke - October 16, 2018 at 08:19 PM



“ Jeff, Andrew & Thomas. I remember vividly while living in Lindenwood being over at your house probably more than I was actually invited there, playing chess, birthday parties, all the cool stuff at your place, such fond memories, and your Mom....always being such a caring, hospitable, classy lady. So attentive to her boys. She was a great lady. Sending our best to you and yours today. -Kevin Crook & the rest of them Crooks.

Kevin Crook - October 16, 2018 at 07:24 PM



“ Tom,
I'm so sorry to hear of Eileen's passing. I have fond memories of her running the hospitality committee for the neighborhood when we moved in, sharing the photo album and organizing the holiday parties.
I trust you're surrounded in love with friends and family.
Best,
Jenny Eggleston

Jenny Eggleston - October 16, 2018 at 05:15 PM



“ We were very sad to hear of Eileen's death and our thoughts are with you Tom and all of your family. We have very happy memories of sharing departmental events and picnics with you both and I was very happy to see you both at the CNS Scholarship Luncheon last year.
Peter and Pam Brockwell.

Peter Brockwell - October 16, 2018 at 05:08 PM



“ Dear Tom, Andrew and Jeff,

Tom, you and Eileen were two of the first people we met in the neighborhood in 1982. Joe and I are very sorry for your loss. I'm glad I saw Eileen this summer and she was very forthcoming about her health. I will miss seeing her walk in the neighborhood but I will always remember her. We are so very sorry to all of you for your loss.

Mary and Joe Solomon

Mary Solomon - October 16, 2018 at 12:56 PM



“ Wow! What a shock to see Eileen's photo and obituary in this morning's paper. Seems like just yesterday we were in the hospital (March, 1972) giving birth to sons. I am so sorry to read such sad news. My best to the family.

Rose Brinks - October 16, 2018 at 10:30 AM



“ We always looked forward to sharing some conversation and table space with Eileen at various CSU functions. Travels and Discovery Center topics were lively. We send our condolences. Paul and Patty Bell

Patricia Bell - October 16, 2018 at 08:45 AM