

Anne Callahan, 37, Lifelong Darien Resident, Mother of Two

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Anne Brown Callahan, born Jan. 15, 1979, a lifelong resident of Darien and graduate of Kent School, left us on Friday, Nov. 25.

Anne leaves behind her loving husband, David, two spirited boys, her parents, siblings, three junkyard dogs, a pile of random craft projects and a heartbroken network of family and friends.

Her love of reading was matched only by her keen interest in movies, celebrity gossip, crossword puzzles, cooking, documentaries and NPR podcasts. She had an infectious laugh and an incredible smile.

Anne was beautiful, gritty and sharp. She was an avid skier and yogi. Known by friends and family as the "Iron Butterfly," she was a breast cancer survivor who always maintained a humble strength throughout.

Most of all, Anne loved her two boys. She considered motherhood an incredible and unexpected gift in light of her health challenges and she pursued it with passion. She was a wonderful cook, had a mean backyard curveball, and she could set or break, with equal determination, bedtime rules and routines.

— [an obituary](#) from *Edward Lawrence Funeral Home*

Living on in her honor: her husband David and their sons, George Brown Callahan and August Ellsworth Callahan, her parents Nancy Brown of Sarasota, Florida, and Norman H. Brown Jr. and his partner, Anne Cooling, of New Canaan, a brother, Ted Brown and his wife Kate Harrison Brown, a sister, Margaret Brown Domont and her husband Andrew, and their two daughters, and two step brothers, Andrew and Billy Cooling.

She is also survived by David's parents, Bob and Sharon Callahan and his brothers, Jason Callahan and Rory Callahan, and Rory's wife Amanda Spurlin Callahan and their three daughters.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 2 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Darien, with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Anne's name to the [Center for Hope](#), 590 Post Road, Darien, CT 06820 or [PAWS](#) 504 Main Ave, Norwalk, CT 06851.

As Anne used to say, "you get what you get and you don't get upset." We hope to embody her strength and spirit during this terribly upsetting time.

Annie, we love you and will miss you always.