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Marcy van der Kieft, 76, Founder of Several Stores, Magazine Editor, Loved Cooking, Travel, Golf

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It is with great sadness that the van der Kieft family of Rockport, Maine, announce the passing of Marcy Moore van der Kieft, wife of Peter E. van der Kieft, at the Sussman House in Rockport during the early hours of May 9, 2020 from cancer. She was 76.

Born Aug. 24, 1943 at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City, Marcy and her sister, Susan, with professional musician mother and actor/producer father, both of whom were in the entertainment industry, traveled numerous times between East Coast and West Coast before settling permanently in Darien.

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Lovingly known as “Mince, Minnie and Ween” Marcy attended Low-Haywood School in Stamford, was graduated from Darien High School and Lasell Junior College in Auburndale, Massachusetts, majoring in fashion design and management.

Throughout her education, Marcy participated in numerous activities; volleyball, crew, tennis, golf, field hockey and cheerleading. Marcy’s high school musical interests were in cappella groups and Girl’s Glee Club.

Her musical appreciation ran the gamut from Classical, Broadway Show Tunes, to Jazz, to Soul and Doo-Woop. James Brown had a special place in Marcy’s musical appreciation, including a James Brown Boston concert. Some were lucky enough to witness the spontaneous James Brown impersonations Marcy performed on special occasions.

Marcy was predictably unpredictable: from impulsively sketching a bouquet of flowers worthy of a gallery showing, to carding a hole in one, to article consultant for Town and Country Magazine, to preparing Spanish paella, chili dogs, roast beef or apple pie worthy of James Beard Foundation awards.

Having outfitted the wife of a renowned Maine Coast artist who was preparing for a visit with Queen Elizabeth on Majesty’s Yacht Britannia Marcy dashed home and gave her a pair of her shoes for the “finishing touch.”

Marcy seemed to have it all.

Marcy’s introduction to Maine was memorable and educational, she spent six years at her beloved Camp Arcadia for Girls in Casco. It’s there that she excelled in canoeing, theater, choral, and gained the confidence instilled by her mother, Margo Moore Myers, to forge into a successful field of retailing.

In April of 1972 after serving as associate fabric editor for Mademoiselle Magazine and a part owner of Margo Moore in Darien, Marcy opened Margo Moore in Camden, Maine. A Camden Herald article at the time of opening referred to Marcy as, “a gal with sophisticated allure who’s cool no-nonsense voice has an aura of capability about it.”

Margo Moore eventually morphed into Maine’s highly respected interior design, home furnishings store. In the ‘70s and ‘80s Marcy opened Margo Moore’s Cricket Shop and Margo’s Market in Damariscotta.

During the “women’s lib” era, Marcy forged ahead with confidence and flair on her own. Seemingly born into retailing and decorating, it was “Marcy’s touch” that family, friends, and clients depended on.

Marcy had a love for travel and enjoyed recounting her journeys to Croatia, on African safaris, Zimbabwe, Egypt, Turks and Caicos and Europe (which for Marcy included running with the bulls in Pamplona).

An active member of Megunticook Golf Club in Rockport, Marcy served as chair of the House Committee

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and a member of the Nominating Committee. Over the years Marcy refined her golf game with laughter and determination at Megunticook. Marcy sponsored the briefly held Miss Piggy Open at the club.

Marcy's greatest joys were family gatherings spent on the "blue chairs" in the family backyard, Sunday drives with her husband, Peter, her gardens, cooking, humming birds, and companion dogs.

The proudest moments of Marcy's life were with her family members: son, Christopher, daughter in law, Christine Bouvet van der Kieft; granddaughters, Grace Catherine and Madeleine Margaret of Hingham, Massachusetts; daughter, Megan and husband, Frank Carozza; grandson, Lucca Mark and granddaughter, Frankie Margaret of Camden, Maine.

Marcy leaves behind nieces: Jackie M., and her husband, Walter Maxwell of Trumbull; and Paige Murphy Jordan; grand-niece, Carly A. Jordan and grand-nephew, William T. Jordan of Monroe; and her close canine buddy, Osbourne.

Marcy was predeceased by her mother, Margaret Moore Myers; sister, Susan Murphy; brother, Timothy O. Moore; granddaughter, Stella Margaret Carozza; niece, Aliza M. Murphy; and her lovable companions: Boswell, Teeka, Buttons, Tasselhoff and Roscoe.

Marcy was the spark that energized everybody she met.

A private family burial will be held in Seaview Cemetery in Rockport. A celebration of Marcy's life will be announced in the future.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Camp Arcadia Scholarship Foundation, c/o Anne Fritts, PO Box 225 New Vernon, NJ 07976.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting Marcy's Book of Memories at www.longfuneralhomecamden.com. Arrangements are with the Long Funeral Home, 9 Mountain Street, Camden.

— [an obituary](#) from *Long Funeral Home and Cremation Service*