

Anne Louise Bayly Berman



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BERMAN Anne Louise Bayly Berman 1975 ~ 2016 Anne Louise Bayly Berman, who was known as Annie Lou, passed away on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016 at her home in upper Northwest Washington, DC. Smart, funny, and outgoing, Annie Lou was a connector - someone who made matches, knitted people together, and created community wherever she went. She did this first and foremost among her immediate family, which included her husband MJ Berman and her beloved children Charles (Charlie), Theodore (Teddy), Louisa (Scottie), and Helene (Nell). In the mission statement she created for her family, Annie Lou wrote, "Our family believes in a life of kindness, adventure, humor, beauty, and love, thoughtfully and responsibly lived." Annie Lou more than lived up to this pledge. A third generation Washingtonian, she was passionately committed to her city. According to an interview with Washingtonian magazine, Annie Lou felt the most romantic spot in Washington was "the crumpled-



down aqueduct near Key Bridge. It's where I got engaged. We went on a bike ride, got engaged, went to Cafe Milano and then went swimming. It was a perfect day for me." Annie Lou's commitment to Washington was manifest in her professional life as a writer, event planner and tastemaker. And it was manifest in her charitable work as well. Annie Lou was the founding editor of Daily Candy DC. Her work at Daily Candy involved offering daily recommendations about shopping, food, and culture to thousands of subscribers - including tips for last-minute Christmas shopping at CVS (a stunt that was covered by USA Today). Before joining Daily Candy, Annie Lou was active in the Washington art world. This included her work at the Smithsonian Institution's Archives of American Art, where she was responsible for conducting oral history interviews with a range of important contemporary artists such as Kehinde Wiley and Shepard Fairey. She was also a significant volunteer contributor in the early years of Artomatic DC, the annual non-profit arts festival. In addition to Artomatic, Annie Lou's voluntary efforts included her service as a founding member of BabyLove DC, a non-profit that provides baby gear and supplies to those in need. She also served on the board of directors of the DC Public Library Foundation and Blue Igloo Playgroup. She was active in the PTA of Horace Mann Elementary School and was a teacher for Roots of Empathy. Annie Lou was born on Christmas Day 1975. She was the daughter of DC Superior Court judge John Bayly and Katherine Bayly. Her mother at birth was Barbara Downey Bayly, who died in 1977. She attended Blessed Sacrament School, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, and James Madison University. Annie Lou is survived by her sisters Johanna Bayly Howe and Georgia Bayly, four nieces and nephews (Barclay, Birdie, Hannah, and Milly), her in-laws Michele and Allan Berman, her siblings-in-law Barclay Howe, Greg Berman and Carolyn Berman, 36 first cousins, as well as, 23 aunts and uncles. Services in honor of Annie Lou's life will be held at Washington Hebrew Congregation at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 3. Services in honor of Annie Lou's life will be held at Washington Hebrew Congregation at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 3.

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