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On August 25, 2015, Donna Anne Platt, 64, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully from complications from cancer. Undetected until August 22, 2015, the cancer was unable to be treated. Donna is preceded by her son, Michael Clinton of Dedham, MA, father, Robert E. Hamaty of Sharon, MA, mother, Dorothy C. Hamaty of Dedham, MA, and brother, Robert G. Hamaty of Dedham, MA. She is survived by her husband, Robert D. Platt, of Tulsa, OK, daughter, Deborah Arruda, of Dedham, MA, son, Christopher O'Brien of Windsor Locks, CT, daughter, Sasha Townsend of Tulsa, OK, daughter, Jade Platt of Lake Mary, FL, daughter, Sara Platt of Boise, ID, her goddaughter and niece Jessica Hamaty, and many nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. As a child, Donna saved her brother Bobby's life when he was eight years old. He and a few of his friends were playing on the ice in a nearby river, when the ice broke. Bobby fell in. His friends became scared and started to run away. Donna got a long stick to try to reach her brother. He eventually grabbed the stick and she pulled him out of the water, saving his life. She graduated from Dedham High School in 1969 with honors, where she was a cheerleader and homecoming queen. Donna went to nursing school at Boston College. She graduated in 1973 and became a registered nurse. Shortly thereafter, she met her first husband Hebert Clinton. They had a daughter, Deborah, and a son, Michael. Michael passed away due to crib disease. After the death of their son, Donna and Hebert divorced. Donna raised her daughter as a single

mother. Eventually, Donna left nursing to work in the hospitality industry. Donna worked at IHOP for twenty-five years, first as a waitress and later as the first female manager and owner of the IHOP of Veterans Highway in Boston. When Donna's mother became ill with throat cancer, Donna quit her job to move in with her mother and aunt Mary to care for them. When her mother went into remission, Donna cashed in her 401k, paid off the balance of her mortgage, and sent her mother and her girlfriends to Las Vegas for a much needed vacation. Donna liked true stories. She loved the music of Patsy Cline and the Eagles. She took pride in her family, and would fight to defend and protect them. Her family and close friends prized her knitting. Donna would create cable knit sweaters, cardigans, Irish knits, and other items to give away as gifts to her family. She would make her afghans extra thick to keep her friends and family warm during the cold winters in Boston. She made hats and mittens to hang on the Christmas tree as decorations. She didn't waste anything, including yarn. Donna enjoyed spending time with her husband Rob's daughters. She always made the effort to send them home with clean clothes and her famous red sauce. Donna was a loving wife and mother, and was loved by many.