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Robin Evans
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Robin Evans, 51, died Thursday afternoon, March 30, 2006 at her home in Venice, California after a courageous 2-year battle with bile duct cancer.

Robin was born in Carroll, November 20, 1954 at St. Anthony Hospital. She attended Carroll Community Schools until her sophomore year when she transferred to Manilla High School. Robin's love of athletics lead her there, where she was invited to stay with the Dr. John and Shirley Hennessey family in order to participate in girl's athletic programs as Carroll schools did not have girl's programs at that time.

Robin was instrumental in expediting girl's sports programs in Iowa, especially in track and field. She was known for her distance running, twice a cross-country state champion, and track and field where she pushed for a mile run when girls were limited to an 880 event. She still holds numerous records and was one of the first high school girls to break the five-minute mile. She also recorded one of the fastest relay split times in the half-mile. Robin was rated in the top ten women miler's for 3 years, 1970-72, and was inducted into the Iowa Girl's High School Track Hall of Fame and the Iowa Association of Track Coaches Hall of Fame. Robin also led Manilla High School to the state basketball tournament in 1972. After high school, Robin attended Iowa State University where she participated in basketball and track and field before transferring to The University of Iowa.

After receiving her MBA from The University Of Iowa, Robin moved to Los Angeles, CA., where she had a successful sales and management career with Pacific Bell and later with Signetics semiconductors, now Philips, where she worked for over 20 years. Due to her sudden illness, Robin retired from Philips in 2004.

Besides a successful career, Robin and her spouse, Michael Marks, enjoyed traveling through out the world, investing in real estate, sailing and exploring the California coast with their two dogs.

Robin is survived by her parents, Bill and Lois Evans of Phoenix, Arizona and former longtime residents of Carroll; her companion of 26 years, Michael Marks; sister Kristee McGuirl and husband Jim of Batavia, NY; sister Julee Evans-Hodgson, niece, Alee Evans-Hodgson, nephew, Nash Evans-Hodgson of Minneapolis, MN.; sister Holly Evans of Minneapolis, MN., and sister Beth Halpern and husband Dave, of Scottsdale, Arizona. In addition, Robin adored her two dogs, Barney and Betty, and her many friends and colleagues in California.

A private memorial ceremony is planned in California. Memorials can be sent to the Bill Evans Foundation for Kids, c/o Ann Wilson, The Carroll Daily Times Herald, 508 N. Court Street, Carroll, IA. 51401.