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It is with profound sadness and immeasurable love that we announce the passing of Mischelle Dorene Wilbricht, age 58, on April 27, 2026 after a 10 year battle with cancer. A free spirit who embraced life with boundless creativity, adventurous courage, and a warm, generous heart, Mischelle left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Mischelle is survived by the great loves of her life: her devoted husband, Tim Wilbricht; her beloved sons, Noah and Luke; her parents, John and Carol Ward; her brother, John Ward Jr.; and her sister, Patrice. She was further blessed by an extraordinary and wide circle of cherished friends whose unwavering support enriched every chapter of her life.

Mischelle was a gifted artist whose work spoke directly from the soul. Through the luminous, wax-resist tradition of batik and the fluid, expressive beauty of watercolor, she created works that captured light, color, and the ever-changing spirit of the natural world. Her art was a window into the way she experienced life — vivid, layered, and full of wonder.

Few passions defined Mischelle as wholly as the sea. An accomplished sailor,

she embraced both aspects as an enthusiastic racer and seasoned cruiser, she loved the sailing lifestyle with her entire heart. From the turquoise waters of the Bahamas to the breathtaking anchorages of the British Virgin Islands, she was most at home with salt air in her hair and wind in the sails. The ocean was not merely a place she visited — it was where she truly lived.

Mischelle was deeply committed to her health and vitality. A dedicated Pilates practitioner and passionate gym-goer, she pursued physical strength and wellness with the same discipline and joy she brought to everything she loved.

A true wanderer at heart, Mischelle called many places home over the years, having lived up and down the Eastern Seaboard from the storied streets of Boston, Massachusetts to the sunny shores of Melbourne, Florida. Yet no address could contain her spirit. She traveled with open curiosity and fearless enthusiasm that carried her to some of the world's most remarkable destinations — from the rugged wilderness of Alaska and the lush paradise of Hawaii, to the ancient heights of Machu Picchu in Peru, the cultural treasures of Europe, and the sun-drenched islands of the Caribbean. Each journey deepened her appreciation for the richness of this world and the extraordinary people who inhabit it.

Mischelle Wilbricht lived a life that was anything but ordinary. She squeezed every drop of beauty, adventure, and meaning from her years on this earth, and she did so with grace, laughter, and an infectious love of life. She will be profoundly missed by her family, her countless dear friends, and all whose world was made brighter simply by being in her orbit.

“May fair winds carry you home.”