

Roberta Prescott Memoria



The women of the International Women's Forum of Connecticut (IWFCT) are deeply saddened by the passing of our beloved Past President and Board Member Roberta Prescott.

Roberta was the ultimate example of an IWFCT member and sister. Her dedication to IWFCT is more than exemplary. She committed to reaching out to everyone, getting to know them, and helping where she could. She remembered every detail and was never short on reaching out and following up to check on you.

Roberta was a successful entrepreneur, evident in her daily commitment to better anyone she met and any organization she joined. She was loved and respected by everyone. We will miss her sweet smile, her kind words, and her sisterhood.

We are blessed to have spent the time we did with Roberta. She will always be in our hearts. Rest in Peace, Roberta.

More about Roberta's obituary [can be accessed here](#).

The Memoriam is also posted on the [IWF Connect Website](#).

Read More: Our IWF Connecticut members had much to say about Roberta.

Marie Meliksetian:

"I first met and worked closely with Roberta in my capacity as a Board member of the International Women's Forum of Connecticut(IWFCT) and later succeeding her as the Board Chair. She was an amazing leader who took me under her wing as a guardian, protector, and a brand ambassador. She was always there for me at every step of the way with compassion, love, and support.

More importantly, Roberta was the ultimate connector and communicator who influenced countless lives from business executives to colleagues, friends, and family. She was the rock who shared her faithful support and kindness with all and her commitment to supporting non-profit organizations and IWFCT.

We will miss her friendly smile, her presence, and her kindness. She was our sister, and we will keep her memory alive. We love you, Roberta."

Molly Gavin Rees

"When speaking with Roberta's sister Linda at Roberta's memorial luncheon, I commented how Roberta had always been so kind to me and had "taken me under her wing." I never really understood why she had taken such a "special interest" in me. Linda smiled from ear to ear and kindly explained that Roberta was like that with

everybody. She had a unique gift of making the person in front of her at any given moment feel like the most important person in her universe. I simply loved that about her!

Roberta was truly a Renaissance woman. She loved the arts, especially the theatre, and remained true to this lifelong passion. She enjoyed good food, fine wine, and international travel.

A woman ahead of her time, she managed her own successful consulting and coaching company and was highly regarded in the greater Hartford business community. Her greatest source of pride was always her family, and she never tired of sharing stories and anecdotes about her children and grandchildren. Her devotion to Bob and her extended network of family and friends offers an inspiring legacy for all of us to emulate."

Valarie Gelb

"Roberta welcomed me as a new member to IWF with open arms, and a few years later, I had the honor of transitioning her to Board Chair, succeeding me. She was one of the most gracious and caring leaders I ever met. Her love of IWFCT and its importance to senior women leaders was unquestionable. She honored women at all stages of their careers and was especially engaged with young women starting their career path through her business and her personal passion.

I was able to get to know Roberta on a personal level through a trip we made many years ago through IWF in Berlin, and I will never forget the warmth of the day we walked together and talked nonstop about our family and our passions. I was able to see into Roberta's pure heart how she managed personal tragedy when her daughter decided to live out her life without further medical interventions and how as a mother, she honored her daughter's wishes even though her heart was breaking for her child. She taught me through this the importance of inner strength, thoughtfulness, and her ability to allow her daughter dignity until the end. These are lessons I have always remembered and have tried to build into my own ethos.

Roberta will be remembered by me as being caring, loving, and articulate in defining her passions and for her love of family. Roberta will be greatly missed by me, and I am sure by those she meaningfully touched throughout her life."

Carolyn Miles

"Roberta was a very successful businesswoman and clearly made a big difference in her field. But what I will remember most about her was her graciousness and warmth. She always made one feel that she was genuinely delighted to see and spend time with you. She will be very much missed."

Debra Hertz

"There was no one more positive than Roberta! She was always upbeat, kind, and so very warm. Being in her presence was like a big hug. How fortunate were we to know and love her!"

Kate Larson

"Roberta was such a warm, generous, supportive person. I met Roberta when she first joined IWFCT years ago. Her enthusiasm, kindness, mentorship, and generosity of spirit were ever-present. No event was too far or too inconvenient for Roberta, she valued her IWFCT colleagues, and we valued her! She is greatly missed."

Peggy Boissoneau

"Roberta Prescott was more than remarkable.

Yes, Roberta was awarded a most "remarkable" woman by the Hartford Courant for her successful Prescott Group communications business and her many community interests. Roberta was more than the many awards she received. She was a friend with a friendship that kept on giving. Roberta was the smile in the room or, later on, Zoom, that wanted to do more for every person she met. She became the role model for so many who knew her and will be greatly missed."