

## Remembering Gaynor



On April 30, 2025, Gaynor Williams Frankfort joined so many of her family and friends, as well as Abdul, in heaven. Just shy of her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, Gaynor was incredibly special to the world and to this extended family. She showed her love through cooking meals, bringing thoughtful gifts, and simply being present when it mattered most.

The Haseleys adopted the Maliks over 50 years ago, a bond that began with Abdul and Ed's friendship and continued through Steve and Allan's generation. For decades, Thanksgiving and Christmas were celebrated at the Haseleys' home, until Gaynor married Hans and new traditions began.

Janet aptly called her "Ms. Bountiful," and it was true—Gaynor created abundance wherever she went, transforming a house with scarce resources into one overflowing with love, optimism, and opportunity. She was global in her impact, a second Mom to many, and lived by her



favorite sayings: “God’s got a plan” and “Listen and share.” Even in her battle with Stage 4 cancer, her spirit remained fierce—she was old world resilient, always ready to pick herself up and dust herself off.

Hans is now living in Asheville with his daughter, Mary, and her husband, Drew.

-Tania Malik