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Dear Classmates,

It is my sad duty to report that our Classmate, [Marjorie 'Margie' \(Trott\) Binder](#), passed away last Sunday on February 2nd, surrounded by all her children and some close friends, after a bravely fought battle with pancreatic cancer.

Margie was a plebe in 8th and graduated from 34th Company, with a degree in History. She was a record-breaking point guard for Navy Women's basketball, a 4-yr letter winner, ECAC Champ and Army-Navy winner in '87, and the Admiral Larson Award winner 1987. Her teammates remarked that she gave them the courage to do more than they thought possible and made them better people.

Designated a Naval Aviator in 1989, Margie flew in HC-4 (Sicily), as HAC, Maintenance Test Pilot, and Detachment OIC. She said that the best assignment of her life was being an instructor pilot and flight lead for new helicopter students at HT-18 in Pensacola. After the Navy, Margie was a teacher, worked in the medical device industry, was a contractor for the DOE, and was just embarking on an entrepreneurial venue. Despite the suffering Margie was experiencing in her final months, she remained fearless, hopeful, and selfless, tackling her circumstance the way she did everything else: face-forward, courageously, and with dignity. Her one steadfast wish was for all of us to help watch out for her kids.

She is survived by her children: Scott (and wife Allie); Olivia, a DOD civilian at Scott AFB; and Amy (USNA '26).

A Celebration of Life will be held in Shoreview, MN in February – likely on Saturday, 22 February. Look for details on [Caring Bridge](#) or on the [Neptune Society website](#). There are plans for a funeral service later in the year at USNA. Details will be announced as they become available.

I anticipate that Margie's preferences on memorial donations will be released with her obituary, stay tuned.

Please take a moment and join me in remembering Margie. RIP Classmate.

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