The Tumor Registrars Association of Connecticut (TRAC) mourns the loss of a legacy member, Cathryn E Phillips (Nov 3,1956- Oct 21, 2025).

Cathryn was a member of TRAC Inc for more than 40 years. She started her tumor registry career in Connecticut at The Hospital of St. Raphael in New Haven. She worked with Mary Jeanne Pierce, also a TRAC member, at The Hospital of St Raphael. Cathryn became a manager of the St Raphaels Tumor Registry prior to her moving to a long career at the State of Connecticut, where she retired as a Registrar of Tumor Records and Public Health Service Manager.

Cathryn dedicated herself to the TRAC organization, filling many roles throughout her career. She built professional relationships that developed into lasting friendships. Cathryn served as President of TRAC in 1993.

In her most recent role with the Tumor Registrars Association of Connecticut (TRAC), Cathryn served as the Editor of the ConnectEd newsletter. Through her leadership, she reinvigorated TRAC's communication efforts over the past couple of years, ensuring members remained informed and engaged with the association's initiatives and news.

She was also serving as the Chairperson for the Bylaws committee, which she has done for many years.

Cathryn was great at collaborating with others on a local, state and national level. She was a liaison for TRAC with SEER and NAACCR. While working at the State of CT, she worked closely with hospital registries to encourage and garner timely data for our state central registry and moving that information to SEER, a national database. Cathryn was smart and ambitious while remaining approachable. She helped modernize the state's database with the use of electronic records.

Fondly, in admiration, TRAC made a tradition to ask Cathy to install the incoming officers of the executive board. Cathy was a fun person to know and be around. She was a role model in our profession. We will greatly miss her as a mentor, colleague, and friend.

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