

# Marilyn's Place:

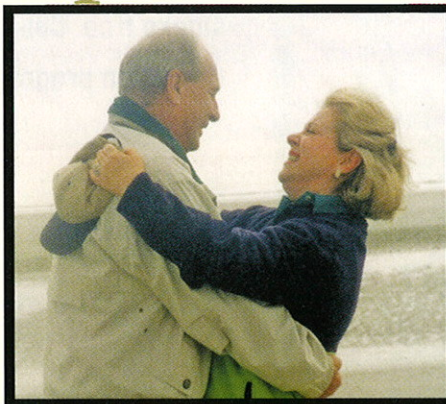
## A special place for cancer patients

**M**arilyn Brodoff was quite a woman. After she died in August 2002—just two weeks shy of her 63rd birthday—Marilyn, who lost a 15-month battle against lung, pancreatic and liver cancers, was eulogized as “a woman of valor” and “a consummate people person.”

It comes as no surprise, then, that Marilyn's husband, Joe, along with their children, Bruce, Steven and Ilene, wanted to create something special to honor her. “My wife always thought of others over herself, even when she was dying,” Joe says. “So we wanted to memorialize her by doing something for others.”

Joe asked Marilyn's doctors at Beth Israel Medical Center if there was anything particularly needed for cancer patients. Stewart Fleishman, MD, told Joe that radiation patients at Phillips Ambulatory Care Center, where Marilyn received radiation and chemotherapy treatments, had no place to rest between their radiation treatments. The Brodoff family decided to create a space just for them.

Marilyn's Place was the result of their efforts. Financed through personal donations from family and friends, Marilyn's Place is a special room where patients can relax in comfortable and attractive surroundings with television, videos, music and reading material. A computer was installed for patient use in the radiation oncology waiting room, and two DVD players, movies and



**Joe Brodoff (right) created Marilyn's Place in honor of his late wife (inset).**

a cordless telephone were donated to the chemotherapy infusion suite. Plus, an iPod system was installed in the Roosevelt Radiation Oncology Center to divert patients' attention during their treatments and make their experience more pleasant.

Now, Joe is creating a Marilyn's Place and Learning Center at Roosevelt Hospital, where Marilyn underwent her lung surgery. The learning center will provide newly diagnosed patients with computers and materials so they can learn more about their diagnosis and treatment.

“I wish we hadn't had to do this in Marilyn's memory,” Joe says, “but I think she's looking down on us and is very proud of what we've accomplished.”

### **For more information**

Learn more about Marilyn Brodoff and Marilyn's Place at [www.marilynbrodoff.com](http://www.marilynbrodoff.com).



## How you can help

**P**lease join us in our efforts to bring comfort and support to patients undergoing cancer treatments. Tax-deductible donations are to be made payable to Beth Israel Medical Center and designated for the Marilyn Brodoff Memorial Fund (on the memo section of the check).

If you'd like to help us in the creation of new projects for cancer patients, please send your donation to Patricia Balsamini, Beth Israel Medical Center, Development Department, 555 West 57th Street, 18th Floor, New York, NY 10019.