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Kristin Wetzel Obituary

Kristin Lynn O'Brien Wetzel, 55, of Elyria, died Sunday, September 25, 2011 at her home, surrounded by family. Kristy was born March 2, 1955 in Ottumwa, Iowa and at the age of 7 moved to Albert Lea, MN. She spent her childhood in Albert Lea and was a 1974 graduate of Albert Lea High School. After graduation, she moved to Denver, CO for a year and eventually found her way to Chicago, IL where she met her husband Mike and started her family. Since 1994, she has resided in Elyria with her husband and children. Kristy attended Lorain County Community College and in 2004 received an Associate Degree of Applied Science in Sports and Fitness Management with Honors at the age of 48. She was originally diagnosed with breast cancer in 2000 and it had metastasized to her liver in 2003 and was given 6 to 18 months to survive. By getting her degree, one of her many goals had been accomplished and in 2004 she was awarded the Cheri Marie Szucs Memorial Scholarship. Kristy was an adjunct faculty member at LCCC teaching yoga and also working as a Personal Trainer at the college. In 2010 she was awarded Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year in the HPER Department. She was an NSCA Certified Personal Trainer, AFAA Aerobics and Fitness Certified and a Certified Yoga Instructor. Although Kristy fought cancer for nearly 12 years, undergoing numerous chemotherapy treatments, including clinical trials almost monthly during this time health and fitness were her driving force and enabled her to overcome the sometimes crippling effects of the treatments. She never succumbed to the disease but fought it every inch of the way and became an example of strength to everyone she met. Her positive attitude was an inspiration to us all and touched many lives over the years both young and old. Kristy grew up in the Catholic faith and continued it at St. Jude Church in Elyria. Her children attended St. Jude School and Elyria Catholic High School. She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Mike Wetzel and



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daughters Alexandra (Alex), Katelyn (Katie) and Francesca (Frankie) of Elyria, Mother-in-Law Charlotte Wetzel of Elyria, Mother and Father Ruth and Frank OBrien of Albert Lea, MN, Brothers - Shane (Amie) OBrien of Bentonville, Arkansas, Brendan OBrien of Albert Lea, MN - Sisters Alice (Martin) Fauchier of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Angie (Rick) Greywitt of Savage, MN, Mary (Pete) Grundhoefer of Center City, MN, Paddy (David) Baldwin of Venice, CA, Kim (Joe) Forman of Albert Lea, MN, Maureen (John) Frydenlund of Albert Lea, MN and Kerry OBrien of Minnetonka, MN along with numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brothers Kevin (JB) OBrien of Albert Lea, MN and Brian (Rhonda) OBrien of Arvada, CO; Brother-in-Law Chuck Faith of Minnetonka, MN and Father-in-Law Melvin (Dick) Wetzel of Elyria, OH. The family will receive friends Sunday, October 2, 2011 at Lorain County Community College Stocker Center, 1005 Abbe Rd. North, Elyria, OH 44035 from 4:00 p.m. until the time of a 5:00 p.m. Celebration of Life Service. A Tribute to Kristys Life and a time of sharing with the family will follow from 5:30 to 7:00PM. Reverend Charles T. Diedrick will officiate. In lieu of flowers, a tax-deductible memorial contribution to support student scholarships may be made to the Lorain County Community College Foundation Kristin L. OBrien Memorial Scholarship Fund, 1005 Abbe Road North, Elyria, Ohio 44035. Dicken Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Elyria is in charge of arrangements. For online condolences, visit www.dickenfuneralhome.com

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KK

Kathy Kary posted:

Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Peace be to Frank, Ruth and the rest of the family.

September 28 at 8:00 PM

MS

Mary Soucek posted:

Mike, Alex, Katie and Frankie, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was one incredible woman. I know you girls know that! Be strong like your mom. She would want that. Miss all of you and know that your mom is resting in peace now. The Soucek family - Mary, Jeffrey, Ryan and Brittany.

September 27 at 8:00 PM

BE

Becky posted:

My deepest condolences to the family of Kristy. I will always remember Kristy as such an energetic and happy spirit. In high school Kristy was always involved, always smiling, always exuded a contagious positive energy. It came as no surprise to read that Kristy was a personal trainer, taught Yoga and exercise, and received various recognitions...because she exploded with positive energy and that is meant to be shared! Again, my deepest sympathy to all of the family of Kristy. God Bless, Becky (Sherburne) Fredrickson Glenville, MN

September 27 at 8:00 PM

LK

Linda Korman posted:

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy to all family and friends. What a great lady! I am thinking of all of you in this sad time...remember the happy times, I am sure there are many!!! Take Care all!
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September 27 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kristin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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