



Mary Jo Siebenaler

February 6, 2013

Siebenaler, Mary Jo 57, of St. Louis Park, passed away after a courageous 5 year battle with ovarian cancer on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at North Memorial Residential Hospice Brooklyn Center, MN surrounded in love by her husband, Steven Kirkhorn, and immediate family members. Mary Jo was born on August 23, 1955 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin to Floyd and Elizabeth (nee Kurtz). She graduated from Sheboygan South High School in 1973 and received her RN BSN from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She subsequently received her Masters in Public Health from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health Occupational Nursing Program in 1992, where she received the Herbert M. Bosch Award as the student who best exemplified kindness and regard for humanity. Over the years, her clinical work in nursing included diverse positions as a public health nurse in West Allis, Wisconsin, camp nurse in Vail, Colorado, school nurse in Soldotna, AK, and clinic nursing in a low-income neighborhood clinic in Anchorage, AK. She later worked in risk assessment and occupational health marketing in the Twin Cities, and as an adjunct faculty member in community nursing at Minnesota State University-Mankato School of Nursing. Mary Jo loved sports and physical activities including tennis, kayaking, golf, cross-country skiing, and backpacking. She was captain of her USTA tennis team in Mankato, MN, leading them to the national tournament in 2002. In more recent years in Marshfield, WI, she touched people's lives as an inspirational NIA dance instructor at First Presbyterian Church. Community service was an important

part of Mary Jo's life. She served as Deacon at First Presbyterian Church in Marshfield, New Visions Art Gallery board member, President of the Marshfield Tennis Association, as well as numerous committees in other communities she lived in. The highlight and most rewarding point in Mary Jo's life was the adoption of her son Michael from Guatemala in 1997. In addition to her husband and son, Mary Jo is survived by stepdaughters, Marta and Leah Kirkhorn; grandson, Dillon McKenzie; mother, Elizabeth Siebenaler; sister, Jean Burba (Michael); brother, Jeff Siebenaler (Dina); and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Floyd. Mary Jo will always be remembered for her generous spirit and love of life, family, and friends. A Memorial Service to celebrate her life will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, February 9 with visitation beginning at 1:00 PM at McReavy-Washburn Edina Chapel, 5000 West 50th St., Edina, MN. An additional memorial service will be held at a later date in Marshfield, WI. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance to an account that has been set up in her name (<http://MaryJo.kintera.org>). It has been specified that this will go to research at organizations working to improve early ovarian cancer detection and comprehensive support after diagnosis. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **9**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
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Service

FEB **9**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Jean (and family),
I was shocked and saddened to see that Mary Jo passed away so young. I remember her fondly from high school as being a very caring person and it appears from her obit that she continued this concern for helping others throughout her life. You have my condolences. My brother passes along similar thoughts. He is actually in town this weekend for our fathers funeral.

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Dave Rautmann - March 15, 2013 at 01:24 PM

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“ To the family of Mary this is a time that few words that can convey the feeling of deepest sympathy. So I encourage you to remember the person she was, wonderful, beautiful, and the things she did to ease the pain. Also the greatest comfort is from God.

2 Corinthians: 1:3,4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of tender mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those in any sort of tribulation through the comfort with which we ourselves are being comforted by God.

Acts 24:15 and I have a hope toward God , which hope these (men) themselves also entertain that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.

Ernestine Lonzo - February 08, 2013 at 09:05 AM