



Allison June Zomer

May 24, 1983 - July 3, 2024

Alli (Williams) Zomer died on July 3, 2024. She is survived by her children, Charlie and June, her husband, Pat, her sister and brother-in-law Angie Williams and Seth Heimermann and her parents, Steve and Priscilla Williams. She was preceded in death by siblings Craig Williams and Amy Williams.

Alli was a force to be reckoned with. Her friends, family, co-workers, and strangers all felt it: every interaction with Alli was infused with energy and passion. This often manifested as Alli pushing those around her to do their best, demanding all of us live up to the same standard to which she held herself. That meant everything was better when Alli was involved. We all worked harder, played harder, and loved more with Alli because she knew we could and expected nothing less.

Alli was an outstanding student-athlete, playing soccer and running track at Edina High School, captaining both teams. She continued running track at Middlebury College (also serving as a captain), and running and soccer remained lifelong passions. As recently as May, Alli organized and participated in a mother-daughter soccer clinic with June and several friends despite being in the advanced stages of breast cancer. It was one of countless acts Alli performed for the benefit of others, with that particular one also being a manifestation of her will and determination.

It was Alli's will and determination that allowed her to thrive during the six and a half years after her cancer diagnosis. She continued to work, taking over leadership of Especially for Children with Angie in 2018 following Steve's and Priscilla's retirement. She raised two amazing children. She traveled, cooked wonderful (and healthy) meals, worked in the yard, and took hikes at the cabin. She was there for friends and family when needed. Cancer ultimately caused her death, but she was resolved that it not destroy her life. And, true to form, she made it so.

Alli is no longer with us physically, but she remains present through all who knew her. Charlie's leadership, June's strong will, Pat's enduring love, and Angie's dedication are manifestations of Alli that will endure. She gave all of us so much, and in doing so she will remain with us forever.

A memorial service will be held Friday, July 19, 2024 at Interlachen Country Club. The family will receive guests at 1:00 pm, with a service at 2:00 pm. A reception will follow. A private interment will occur at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to an organization helping address social justice, hunger, or sustainability - all issues Alli cared about deeply. Examples include West Broadway Business & Area Coalition (<https://westbroadway.org/>) and World Central Kitchen (<https://wck.org/>).

Tribute Wall

SH

“ To the Zomer & Williams family as well as the Especially for Children family: I had the privilege of working with Alli through Especially for Children. Her advocacy for children, families, and staff was evident. Her knowledge, professionalism and kindness made her a joy to work with and she will be missed. We are so sorry for your loss; please know you are in our continued thoughts and prayers.

*With deepest condolences,
Sarah Hawley
MN Child Care Health Consultants, Inc.*

Sarah S Hawley - July 30, 2024 at 05:00 PM

JL

“ My deepest condolences to Alli's family - especially her beautiful children. Alli hired me at my first official job out of college at America SCORES Boston where I had the absolute honor of getting to know her for a short few months before she moved away. SCORES is where I ended up meeting my husband, so Alli is to thank for that. I was in awe of the giant personality she held and how much space she could take up in any room. I looked up to her a lot. I'm so sorry her physical body has left the earth but know her spirit remains in each of us who was lucky enough to know her.

Jordyn Landberg - July 10, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Allison June Zomer.



July 10, 2024 at 08:23 AM

TF

“ I did not know Alli well, which I think makes my memories of her even more poignant

Alli knew me only as a law school classmate of Pat's, and before their kids arrived the 3 of us shared a few weekend brunches, happy hours, etc.

About 10 years ago, I very unexpectedly ended up in hospital for an extended period of time. From those few times spent together, Alli remembered my luv for flavorful ethnic food, and a few times each week, without being asked, she picked up lunch & brought it to the hospital

She did not merely drop it off, she sat, talked, ate together, laughed together, etc. She was kind, she was smart, she was hilarious & had a keen, sometimes very pointed wit: like when I tried to give her money for these lunches & with a twinkle in her eye she told me she was not above punching a hospital patient :)

Alli had the gift of truly listening to & hearing people, even remembering my random menu choices many months later

Speaking now directly to Pat: I know I'm about to tell you things that you already know, but that is kinda' what old men like me do ;)

In the words of my grandmother, Alli loved you, Pat, "truly, madly, deeply", and it is my hope that in the challenging moments that surely lie ahead in the coming weeks, months & years this certainty will bring you some comfort

Tim Flynn - July 09, 2024 at 03:09 PM

DA

“ *Alli and I became close in high school. She had a strength/independence of character that I admired. At the same time, she was always so happy and lit up my day - even while we studied. Often think about how to foster that now with my own daughter.*

Daniel Almog - July 09, 2024 at 09:16 AM



“ *I had the privilege of working closely with Alli on the board of the Minnesota Child Care Association. She did so much to support Minnesota families with young children and the incredible early educators who care for and educate children during their most formative years. Her work will live on with all of us. To the Zomer and Williams family my sincere condolences. I will be out of the country during the memorial, but I will be with you in spirit.*

Chad Dunkley

Chad Dunkley - July 08, 2024 at 12:42 PM

TM

“ *With sincere condolences to Pat and family on your loss. May you cherish the beautiful memories you have with her!*



Tammy Mortenson - July 08, 2024 at 11:50 AM

DV

“ I worked with Alli at HealthPartners where she brought PowerUp and Bear Power to life in the community helping families and children learn to eat better, move more and feel good! She was such a fun co-worker and a terrific advocate for families and children. I shall remember her spirit. And as I have been just diagnosed with cancer, I hope to face it with the hopefulness and courage she demonstrated. A memorial gift has been made to Lakeview Hospital Foundation in Alli's memory of her amazing work with PowerUp. My condolences to the Zomer and Williams family. Blessings to all.

DeDee Varner - July 07, 2024 at 08:34 PM

BI

“Alli was my teammate and track captain at Middlebury College. She always led by example and held everyone to a high standard. But she still knew how to laugh and have a good time. We enjoyed so many events together including Winter Carnival and the spring track training trip in San Diego. I was lucky enough to be roommates with her and her fellow captain Febbie. Even when the rental minivan broke down on the highway in San Diego with a bunch of underclassmen, she kept her cool and made a funny joke out of it that we retold many times. Alli made being a leader look easy. She included everyone and always cared about everyone and everything.

I also greatly admired Alli as a history scholar. I remember her talking about her process of writing her senior thesis and taking mental notes on everything in my head. Alli taught me so much. Alli graciously handed over her job working as a History Department assistant to me after she graduated. In so doing, Alli led me to deepen my relationship with so many history professors at Middlebury including Professor Travis Jacobs and Professor Febe Armanios. Alli facilitated get togethers with these professors and included me which I am forever grateful to her for doing. She taught me to get the most out of my academic experience at Midd.

I'll never forget the fun I had with Alli and Febbie in their senior year dorm in the Atwater dorms. She introduced me to politics through “The Daily Show.”

Alli was a role model to me and she pushed me to always do my best.

I always loved running into her at Middlebury in the summer. Middlebury was a special place because of her and I will always remember her there every time I visit. I am sending my love to Alli's family and all who knew and loved her.



Beth Butler Ingram - July 07, 2024 at 07:58 AM

JF

“*Dear Williams and Zomer Families, I was saddened to hear of Alli's recent passing. I haven't seen Alli in several years, but remember her fondly as a good friend of my son, Zachary. Alli was the real deal and a model citizen, any parent would be proud to have as their daughter. I feel your loss as a parent, having lost my son, Zachary, at a very young age. My thoughts and prayers are with each and every one Alli's family at this time. May Alli R.I.P.*



Joe Florenzano - July 06, 2024 at 07:45 PM

SM

Dear Pat

We so agree with the way you describe your dear Alli. We know Alli through Sarah, Pricilla and Steve, Tony and Courtney - and our daughter Michele. We also remember she worked with our son Mike one summer on homeless issues - fits right?

We love the way she lived her life - what a legacy. We are grateful to know you all and our wish is that we could all live so authentically and with such a heart for making this world a better place for all.

Sally Manhard - July 06, 2024 at 11:21 PM

LL

“ *Alli's footprint will live on at Especially for Children through our revised menus, which made our meals healthier while introducing some new foods to many of the children. We also compost, and that makes us all feel better. We will so miss Alli's smile and encouragement as she visited the centers and helped lead corporate events. Steve, Priscilla and Angie, I send you my love and gratitude. You've added much to my life. Sending prayers of comfort and peace. Lynn L*

Lynn Livingston - July 06, 2024 at 05:11 PM