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LOVE WINS. Ann loved to win. She loved helping others succeed even more. The consummate coach, she celebrated others' achievements as much - if not more - than her own. One of the most generous and loving hearts beat for the last time on Sept. 13, and as a result, thousands of hearts are broken. Ann passed away surrounded by her loving family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her father Jack Forrest and she is survived by her mom, Pat Forrest; husband Dave; her children Katie, Elizabeth, Jack and Josh; her brother J. (Rebekah), mother- and father-in-law, Jim and Sally Dickey; sister-in-law, Debby Shellard; brothers-in-law, Doug (Dee), and Derek (Anna); 10 nieces and nephews; and countless friends.

Born and raised in Edina, Minn., Ann was a 1988 graduate of Edina High School and a 1992 graduate of Miami University of Ohio. She was recognized for her athletic and coaching achievements by being inducted into the Edina Athletic Hall of Fame this year. A seven-time letter winner, Ann was part of the State Championship soccer and golf teams in 1986 and 1988, respectively. Ann competed and won the Interlachen Women's Club Championship in 2010 and 2012. In 2017, Ann served as the Assistant Golf Coach at Edina High

School, and helped lead the team to the State Championship this past June. While she excelled in nearly every sport she tried, Ann is best known for her sportsmanship, love of the game and grace whether she won or lost. Passionate about golf, Ann hoped part of her legacy would be that more girls would play the game she loved so much. A Foundation, called Annie's Army, has been created to make golf more accessible for any girl who wants to play. Please visit [getgirlsgolfing.com](http://getgirlsgolfing.com) for more information or to donate in Ann's memory. For 14 years, Ann coached the Southdale Sharks Swim Club and worked with the team there to increase the swimmers from 20 to 180. She had the gift of helping every child she worked with know how special they are and what they were capable of achieving. In 2016, Ann was recognized for her efforts at the Y by winning the Edina Education Fund-Connecting With Kids Leadership Award.

In everything she did, Ann gave without measure. Whether it was opening her home to friends, spending hours helping her kids or friends through a problem, or thinking of just the perfect gift for a family member, Ann found happiness in helping others. In addition to an incredible capacity to give of herself, Ann had seemingly boundless energy and joy - which a cancer diagnosis three years ago couldn't stop. She had an extraordinary sense of humor, a contagious laugh, and found her own jokes to be particularly hilarious. She had the ability to light up a room and instantly make anyone feel comfortable. Her greatest joys were her children, Katie, Elizabeth, Jack and Josh. She has been their greatest champion and cheerleader, and always delighted in and celebrated their unique qualities. In her final CaringBridge post, while reflecting on all for which she was thankful, Ann also asked herself questions about how she lived her life, and left them for us to answer. "Did I enjoy every day?" Yes! Ann squeezed joy and gratitude out of every day - nearly every situation. She epitomized joy and had an inexhaustible appetite for life. "Did I do enough (work, supporting, coaching, loving, etc)?" Yes! Though she would have done more. Her energy and organization allowed her

to achieve more by 10 a.m. than the rest of us would do all week. Not only did she find the time to support, coach and love her family, but she did the same for others. "Did I make an impact on our community?" Yes! Her impact will be felt for years and generations to come: through the values she instilled in the children she taught and coached at the YMCA; in the character she helped build in the girls she coached at Edina High School; through the help she gave fellow parents in ECFE classes; through the community she helped build through friendships in her neighborhood. Ann's imprint on the lives she touched and the community in which she lived is lasting.

Ann's faith shone through in how she loved others and how she lived her life. As Ann said, "My journey on earth was never mine to control. My path, although winding and filled with ups and downs was controlled, created and masterminded by God." We are so grateful that we were part of Ann's journey and that we were touched by her grace and spirit. You did win, Ann! We all did.

Gifts in Ann's memory can be made to: Edina Community Foundation/Get Girls Golfing or Annie's Army 5280 Grandview Square Edina, MN 55436  
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