



## Diane Catherine Freeman

October 3, 1961 - March 24, 2021

Diane Catherine Freeman (O'Leary)

Freeman, Diane Catherine Age 59 of Excelsior, MN, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 24, 2021 after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer. Diane met her diagnosis head on with courage, grace and resiliency while overcoming the odds multiple times. "Be the Exception" was her motto and Diane was surely exceptional. She lived a life of love and concern for those who knew her, especially those joining her in the battle against cancer. Diane was born near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 3, 1961, to Joseph and Virginia O'Leary, moving to Minnesota in 1977.

Preceded in death by her father, Diane will be dearly missed by her husband Jon, sons Conor and Alex, mother Virginia, sister Karen, brothers Joseph and Kevin, extended family and an abundance of friends near and far. Many people shared life and laughs with Diane, as she touched and positively impacted everyone who knew her. The family will hold a private memorial service, as well as other celebrations TBD. In recent years cancer research, cancer treatment and patient advocacy became passions in Diane's life. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in Diane's honor to an organization she was involved with (Dr. Zylla's Cancer Research/Frauenshuh Cancer Center, c/o Park Nicollet Foundation, 6500 Excelsior Blvd., St. Louis Park, MN 55426) (<http://foundation.parknicollet.com/freeman>)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Hello, I was one of the nurses caring for Diane at Methodist. I'm so very sorry for your loss. Even in dark moments of pain she was a kind, caring person and tried to have a good attitude. She will remain in my memory as a favorite patient.

Kate Boarder - May 01, 2021 at 07:31 PM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Diane's passing. We have so many wonderful memories of Diane - each makes us smile. She truly was sunshine. We are holding Jon, Conor, Alex and family in our thoughts and prayers. Love,  
The Ottosons



Jackie Ottoson - March 28, 2021 at 08:11 AM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Diane's passing. Kathy and I send our deepest condolences to Jon and family. We continue to keep you all in our prayers during this difficult time.

Kathy and Kevin Sheehy - March 27, 2021 at 06:13 PM

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“ SO many hours spent freezing in hockey rinks and at lacrosse games! And many more just hanging out. Diane was always the one everyone wanted to be around. Funny, kind, giving, caring. She was a force for sure. Heaven gained an Angel. ♡♡



Karin Burger - March 26, 2021 at 03:47 PM

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**Jackie Ottoson** - March 28, 2021 at 08:05 AM