



Michele Barker 'Shelly' Boone

August 23, 2018

Boone, Michele Barker ("Shelly") On August 23, 2018, we lost the coolest, most amazing woman many of us ever knew. Michele Barker Boone, 53, St. Paul, passed away after fighting breast cancer for four years. An amazing cook, wonderful boss, green-thumbed gardener, acceptable crocheter (she did make the best hats), and the most beautiful wife, mother, sister and daughter to her family. Shelly was adored by everyone she met, while she adored them back. Her mantras of "There are no guarantees" and "everything will be ok" guided us while she continued chemotherapy at MN Oncology and trips to Mayo Clinic, keeping ever hopeful that we would find a way to manage this insidious disease. In 1992, she started deZinnia, a St. Paul graphic design and project management company, by herself (with her sister, Susie, as her first employee), and she grew it slowly and thoughtfully to a company of 17 amazing people all who should really be listed as her extended family. She leaves behind her husband, Chris; two amazing boys, Calvin and Charlie; her parents, Rick and Kathy Barker; her sister, Susan Barker; her brother Rick Barker (and wife Cheryl); and nieces, Sophie and Maggie. Countless family, friends, neighbors, business colleagues, too. Her joyful, playful spirit will live with us, and we are unbelievably lucky for it but she's going to leave a monstrous hole in our lives. So, raise a glass of rosé, do something nice for someone, hug your family, sing along with an Iris Dement song, tend your gardens, rescue a pup, cook something awesome in the kitchen. And think of Shelly. Service 3 p.m Sunday, Sept 2 at Central Presbyterian Church at Cedar

& Exchange in St. Paul. Memorials preferred to Joseph's Coat or Second-
Hand Hounds. washburn-mcreavy.com

Tribute Wall

AL

“ Chris and family, I knew Shelly back when we were kids. We always had a blast hanging out. She was so sweet and one of my best friends. I lost track of her over the years but I never forgot what a special person she is. I'm so sorry for your loss and I hope your pain subsides quickly. Just the thought of her makes me smile.

Annie Tousignant Leiby - September 08, 2018 at 01:06 PM

JL

“ Chris...Though I did not have the pleasure to know Michele,I want you to know that you have my condolences on her untimely passing. You will be in my prayers and thoughts. Sincerely, Dr. John Lande

John Lande - September 02, 2018 at 07:47 PM

AN

“ My deepest condolences go to the family for the loss of their dear loved one Shelly. Nothing compares to the pain that comes with the death of someone we love. I would like to share a Comforting thought from the bible found at Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your mental powers by means of Christ Jesus. 🌹

Anastasia - August 27, 2018 at 10:30 AM

JV

“ I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Shelly. She was a great student in high school and a dear friend after her days at Harding. Her quick wit and beautiful smile is what I remember most about her. Mabs, I will always remember you.

John Vosejka

John Vosejka - August 26, 2018 at 05:18 PM