



Lee Ann Beane

November 24, 1964 - November 23, 2020

Lee Ann (Winkleblack) Beane, of Forsyth, IL, died on Monday, November 23, 2020, at Decatur Memorial Hospital, a day before her 56th birthday, after a decade-long battle with breast cancer.

Lee was born on November 24, 1964, at Decatur Memorial Hospital, to Richard Lee and Beverly Ann (Bowen) Winkleblack. She was valedictorian of the 1982 class of Stephen Decatur High School, and she graduated summa cum laude from Millikin University in 1986. She earned an MBA from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1988.

Lee worked at the Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS) for twenty-two years, where she attained the position of Associate Executive Director and Director of Communications.

She married Trent Beane on July 14, 2001, in Springfield, and, in 2005, became the mother of their precious daughter, Amanda Ann.

A faithful and loving servant of the Lord, Lee was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, who brought joy and hope to all those she touched. Always present with wise counsel, patience, and an entertaining story, she was the best wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, or friend one could have. She will be profoundly missed by all who knew her.

Her grandparents—George and Ann Winkleblack and Charles and Edith Bowen—parents-in-law Don and Janice Beane, several aunts, uncles, and cousins preceded her in death.

Her husband, daughter, parents, sister Cheryl (Michael) Nalefski, and nephew Matthew Nalefski, all of Forsyth, survive her, along with her husband's three sisters and their families. Four adored dogs also survive her.

A prayer service for immediate family prior to cremation was held at Graceland-Fairlawn on Friday, November 27. A celebration of Lee's life will be held there at a later date. Once scheduled, this service will be announced on www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

Lee Ann's service is at 2:00 PM, Monday December 14th at St Pauls Lutheran Church in Decatur. It will be live streamed from their website <https://spldecatour.org/churchonline>. All COVID protocols will be in place and approximately room for between 175 to 200 people. There will not be a visitation or graveside service.

For those interested in making a contribution in memory of Lee, please direct them to her daughter's college fund, making checks payable to "ISDS" and mailing them to: Amanda Beane College Fund c/o ISDS, P.O. Box 376, Springfield, IL 62705.

Events

DEC 14 **Memorial Gathering Hosted by the Family** 02:00PM

St. Paul Lutheran Church

1 Bacharach Ct., Decatur, IL, US, 62526

Comments



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lee Ann Beane.



December 10, 2020 at 05:43 PM



“ Dr. Joseph and Rita Hagenbruch purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Lee Ann Beane.



Dr. Joseph and Rita Hagenbruch - December 09, 2020 at 09:04 PM



“ From the start of my career, Lee Ann has been one of those cheerleaders and pillars that any doctor could hope for. She was a source of information, guidance, and friendship to help me navigate leading my local dental society right after I started practicing. Weather it was over a phone call or email, I could hear the joy and feel her smile that radiated from her. I would discuss ideas that I had with her in regards to community outreach, and she would always follow up with me to see if I had made progress with the events and give me fantastic ideas to how to publicize the event. I was also blessed to be placed on her committee when I became a trustee. I know there were so many days and nights that Lee Ann was struggling with her health, and her body was trying to slow her down while she was fighting her battles. She however, was a fighter that would not let her body control her mind and attitude. She had a beautiful personality and desire to serve her profession in a spirit that is rare to find. I will truly miss her presence and support in my life.

Lauren Hood-Olson - December 07, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ Lee Ann was always there with a prayer to help heal a broken heart or soothe the sorrow of her friends and family. She was blessed with a heart of gold and I will miss her dearly as a friend and an extremely valuable asset to all of the dentists of Illinois who relayed on her knowledge and compassion. Rest in PEACE LeeAnn!!

Dennis McDowell



Dennis McDowell - December 05, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ If ever there was someone who was both an Angel on earth and in heaven, it would have to be Lee Ann.

Honestly, I never ever witnessed or heard of her using a cross word or criticize.

She always was upbeat, cheerful and encouraging, despite whatever else might be going on in her life, at work or in the world.

Truly, in terms of selflessness, kindness, brilliance and possessing an immensely loving-nature, no one could ever be her equal.

May her dear soul rest in peace with Our Lord and Savior, and may God provide all of her family and friends ample strength and comfort to sustain them through this most sorrow-filled and difficult time of unequaled loss.

Joseph & Rita Hagenbruch

Joseph Hagenbruch - December 05, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ I had the privilege of working with Lee Ann when I was part of the ISDS Children's Dental Health Month committee, way back in the 1990's. From early on, Lee Ann was always enthusiastic about our mission of children's health awareness, and she was an invaluable treasure in keeping me and the other committee members up to date on the myriad communications with each other and with all of ISDS. She made deadlines easy to keep, and was always ready with ideas for our projects. Sadly, I join a very large group of people who will miss her for years to come. Prayers that she rests in Peace.

James M. Janda, DDS

James Janda DDS - December 09, 2020 at 06:14 PM



“ May the Lord illuminate her soul and comfort her family in this time of great loss. Lee Ann always beamed at the ISDS events and seeing her at Mission of Mercy was a joy.

Kirk Noraian, DDS

Bloomington, IL

Dr. Kirk Noraian - December 09, 2020 at 10:47 PM