



Elizabeth (Hodgson) Wertz Evans

July 31, 1956 - August 17, 2016

Elizabeth (Hodgson) Wertz Evans, 60, of Cranberry Township, died Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2016, at home, surrounded by her family, after a courageous battle with metastatic breast cancer. She was the beloved daughter of William and the late Helen Hodgson; beloved wife of Rulison "Hipp" Evans and former wife of the late Patrick L. Wertz; loving mother of Patrick F. Wertz, Ashley Wertz, Ashley Evans and the late Amanda Elizabeth Wertz; sister of Charles Hodgson and wife, Sally, and Patricia Mackiewicz and husband, Rick; and is also survived by nephews, Josh, Eric and Cody. Liz graduated from Shaler High School in 1974. She received her nursing diploma from the St. Francis Medical Center School of Nursing in 1980, Bachelor of Science in nursing from Carlow College in 1993, Master in public management from Carnegie Mellon University in 1996 and PhD in organization and management with a focus on healthcare quality and patient safety from Capella University in 2013. Liz had an extensive professional career in clinical and operational aspects of healthcare. She held management and executive positions in hospitals and physician practices. Liz owned and operated a healthcare consulting firm, Panda & Associates, www.panda-llc.com. Most recently, she served as the executive director, professional practice and programs, for the Oncology Nursing Society. As an accomplished author, Liz had written, co-authored and contributed to several books, and published numerous peer-reviewed articles for various professional journals. Liz was a dynamic speaker and educator, having given presentations and training sessions at local, regional, statewide and national events. Liz volunteered for Highmark's Caring Foundation and the Center for Organ Recovery and Education. She was an avid Steelers fan. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the LAWRENCE T. MILLER FUNERAL HOME INC., 460 Lincoln Ave., Bellevue. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in the Perry Highway Lutheran Church, 11403 Perry Highway, Wexford, PA 15090. Interment will follow in the English Lutheran Church Cemetery, Zelienople. Contributions can be made to The Caring Place, 620 Stanwix St., Pittsburgh, PA 15222. www.ltmillerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

English Lutheran Cemetery

Zelienople, PA,

Events

AUG 20 Visitation 02:00PM - 04:00PM

Lawrence T. Miller Funeral Home, Inc.
460 Lincoln Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, US, 15202

AUG 20 Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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AUG 21 Visitation 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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AUG 22 Service 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Perry Highway Lutheran Church
11403 Perry Highway, Wexford, PA, US, 15090

Comments



“ Dear Evans, Hodgson and Wertz Families, Liz was a ray of sunshine!!! She was a beautiful person inside and out! I believe that even on a bad day, Liz would smile and make others around her feel good! She was a very special person and I hope you find comfort in the beautiful memories you had with her. Warmest Regards~Heather Amos-Yeo & Family Valencia, PA

Heather Amos-Yeo - August 22, 2016 at 11:15 AM



“ Mr. Evans, Hodgson, Wertz Families: All of you have my heart felt deep sympathy, prayers and thoughts. I hope Liz is at peace. There are no words to make her death easier. I wish all of you well and Liz keeps an eye on us from a better place they say. Take one day at a time.

Margo, Ret. Pgh R1, PATF & Monroeville - August 21, 2016 at 06:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elizabeth (Hodgson) Wertz Evans.



August 21, 2016 at 07:46 AM



“ With love, Derek's Pharmacy Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elizabeth (Hodgson) Wertz Evans.



With love, Derek's Pharmacy Family - August 20, 2016 at 09:42 AM



“ Michael Hodgson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elizabeth (Hodgson) Wertz Evans.



Michael Hodgson - August 20, 2016 at 09:42 AM



“ Richard, Joyce, Lisa and Tyson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elizabeth (Hodgson) Wertz Evans.



Richard, Joyce, Lisa and Tyson - August 20, 2016 at 08:44 AM



“ I was very saddened to read of Liz's passing. I am also a graduate of St Francis (class of 1979) and so remember Liz in nursing school as well as working with Liz in the old SICU on the 8th floor. What a great nurse she was just right out of school. I knew she would go far in her career. Thoughts and prayers are with the family during this most difficult time.



Judy Bay - August 20, 2016 at 06:54 AM



“ Friends at the U.S. Federal HHS, HRSA EMS for Children purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Elizabeth (Hodgson) Wertz Evans.



Friends at the U.S. Federal HHS, HRSA EMS for Children - August 19, 2016 at 05:03 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth (Hodgson) Wertz Evans.



August 19, 2016 at 03:46 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth (Hodgson) Wertz Evans.



August 19, 2016 at 02:53 PM



“ Jason McBride and your friends at Wade Trim. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth (Hodgson) Wertz Evans.



Jason McBride and your friends at Wade Trim. - August 19, 2016 at 02:44 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Elizabeth (Hodgson) Wertz Evans.



August 19, 2016 at 01:40 PM



“ Liz will be missed greatly by all us at ONS. Her energy, positivity and generosity is and will always be missed. She helped inspire many of us to go the extra mile and think in new ways. I know that her influence at ONS was felt all the way down the line and had a positive impact on nurses in practice and the people they care for.

Liz was a unique lady and her spirit carries on in those who love her.

Barbara Lubejko - August 19, 2016 at 12:30 PM



“ Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth (Hodgson) Wertz Evans.



August 19, 2016 at 11:26 AM



“ Liz certainly had much success in her professional life, but that wasn't the Liz that I knew. I met her through her sister, Patty, and over the years got to know her at various celebrations, dinner clubs and sporting events. Liz and I were both football fans but we rooted for opposing teams. Liz loved her Steelers and it is safe to say I am not the biggest fan. However I learned to see that she just loved her team, win or lose with no judgment on who they were playing. I remember one time telling her she was my favorite Steeler fan. When she was diagnosed I participated in "Pink Tuesdays". One week I changed it up and donned the Black and Gold in tribute to Liz. RIP Liz you will certainly be missed.

Jill Wilkinson - August 19, 2016 at 09:48 AM



“ Dear Patty and family-
My sincere condolences to you and to your family. -Jane Miller, CMU

Jane Miller - August 19, 2016 at 09:13 AM



“ I first met Liz when we both took one of the first PHTLS instructor courses in the mid 1980s. The positive impact that Liz had on literally thousands of people nationwide through the care she gave to her many patients and through the care she gave to her students in the hundreds of classes she taught is simply - immeasurable. She was an early trailblazer and leader for better trauma care and education nationwide. In all that she did and in every encounter anyone ever had with Liz, she was always positive, upbeat and smiling - with the most amazing energy! Even when the cancer affected her physical being, she would not let it affect her spiritual being. Liz was a true leader and a role model for so many aspiring EMS and nursing professionals. Our sincere condolences to her family, including her huge EMS family. Those who were so blessed to have known her or to have experienced her countless good deeds on Earth are so much better for it. RIP.
Sincerely,
Steve Wirth

Steve Wirth - August 18, 2016 at 10:06 PM



“ An incredible lady. Tonight, this world is a lesser place. May you forever rest in peace
Liz

Gary Harvat - August 18, 2016 at 08:00 PM



“ Liz was always filled with fun and positive energy. Liz invited me to my first country music concert to see Kieth Urban. I didn't even know who he was but we had the best time ever. To this day he is my favorite country music artist and every time I here his music I think of Liz! RIP Liz you will be greatly missed!

Dawn Ptak - August 18, 2016 at 06:23 PM