

## CINNAMON (KOVAL) GILCH



Cinnamon Joy (Koval) Gilch, age 53, of West Deer, passed away on Friday, August 4, 2023, her 10th wedding anniversary. Born October 1, 1969, in Pittsburgh, married to Jason, who swept her off her feet when they met. She took great pride in her work as an Administrative Coordinator in the AHN Office of Development. She was loved by all who knew her at the AHN Cancer Institute. She loved cooking and was

famous for her pumpkin rolls among many other amazing creations. Her cookbook collection was second to none. Cinnamon opened her home to friends, family, and strangers. Food and fellowship were her specialties.

As a teenager, she performed with a sign language musical troupe throughout Pittsburgh. She was a member of Toastmasters International and was taking classes through Christian Leadership Institute for a degree in Divinity. Cinnamon was a founding Board Member/Secretary with the Team Fishguy Transplant Foundation. Cinnamon's unique name came from the sixties television show Mission Impossible and the Cinnamon Carter character portrayed by Barbara Baynes. She was known for being Aunt Mon for the last 40 years. She was elevated to Gramma four years ago. Cinnamon was a faithful servant of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She grew up in Bakerstown United Methodist Church. She had been a 2-plus-year member of Crossway Community Church in Valencia and had recently been attending Forged in Faith Russelton. She was a devoted member of the CBS bible study group as well as a women's bible study through ACAC with her Cardinal Sisters. She was a beloved friend to many, especially her Golden Girls. Rex, her wild dinosaur dachshund puppy will miss her terribly. Birds flocked to her numerous backyard feeders. She is survived by her husband, Jason M. Gilch; children, Rachel "Beau" Shaffer, Lindsay Shaffer, and Cassidy Shaffer; granddaughter, Estella Arnold; father, Charles Koval; siblings, Jacqueline Hutz and her husband, William, and Charles Koval Jr. and his wife, Carole; as well as nieces, and nephews, Glenn (Alyson) Palmer, Kyle (Nicole) Palmer, Paige (Michael) Bauer, Alaina (Matt) Burnett, Anthony (Brittney) Koval; and great-nephew, David Bauer; mother-in-law, Diana Baumgartl; brother-in-law, Toni Gilch; and step daughter, Alley Gilch. She was preceded in death by her mother, Joyce (Dengler) Koval; and her beloved daughter, Dayanna Shaffer. James A. Trivoli, Supervisor, **FD KING FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, INC.** [www.kingfuneralhome.com](http://www.kingfuneralhome.com).

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