

## PATRICIA DUGGAN BENDIS



Patricia Duggan Bendis passed away on Wednesday, August 23, 2023. She was born on February 3, 1961, in Pittsburgh, PA., the daughter of the late John Kane Duggan and Margary Donahue Duggan. Tricia was fiercely loyal with deep passion for the people and things that she loved. Tricia's passions originated in her upbringing and her upbringing was centered on family.

Tricia was raised in a large, happy family. She was seven-of-nine in birth order and, as with her older siblings, she innately assumed her role in the family. Her family influence shaped everything. In the Duggan family, older brothers and sisters taught and nurtured their younger siblings. As a result, there are many unique and loving interpersonal relationships in the family. For instance, Tricia always held her oldest brother, John Kane Duggan, and oldest sister Mary Louis Babst in great, parental-like respect yet they are fast friends. Learning all this at an early age gave Tricia a high level of social confidence. She intuitively knew how to make friends and how to be a friend. And she had many friends.

Tricia was a teacher at heart. She began at an early age by instinctively teaching her younger sister, Suzanne. They played school and did household chores together at a very young age. For a time, the two did the family laundry. The story goes that Suzanne ironed and folded socks while Tricia told her how to do it. At the same time, Tricia was also taught by older brothers and sisters. Her older brother, Kevin, recognized Tricia's aptitude for mathematics and filled her head with math learning. She distinguished herself in mathematics academically and went on to become a high school math teacher.

Tricia graduated with honors from Fox Chapel High School, Class of 1979. Following graduation, she attended Penn State University. She chose Penn State to remain close to home, her father was ill at the time. During her time in college, she developed a manic love for Penn State football. There was no more loyal Nittany Lion fan than Tricia! While there she met her future husband, Jeffrey Robert Bendis. They married in 1987 at St. Paul's Cathedral in Oakland. They were married for 36 years.

Tricia taught mostly at Central Catholic High School. Central Catholic was important to her. Her father and two brothers attended. She liked to proudly claim that she was the only Duggan-girl at Central.

Tricia's greatest teaching accomplishment, however, was with her daughter, Haley Donahue Bendis. All her formidable teaching skills were lovingly focused on Haley. The closest thing to God's love of man on earth is a mother's love for a daughter. That was Tricia's love for Haley.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a brother Michael Duggan and her sister Kathleen Ann Birsic. Surviving is her husband Jeffrey Robert Bendis, daughter, Haley Donahue Bendis, brothers John Kane Duggan, James Kevin Duggan, Brian Flynn Duggan, sisters, Mary Louis Babst, Maureen Elisabeth Duggan and Suzanne Marie Watson and many loving nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by **BEINHAUER**, 2630 West Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh 15216, 412-531-4000. Family and friends are welcome Sunday, August 27, 2023, 1-7 P.M. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. Monday, August 28, 2023, at St. Bernard's church in St. Michael the Arch Angel Parish, 311 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228. Interment will follow at the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, 509 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228.

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