

# MICHELLE RUDEK RENAUT, Pharm. D., Ph.D



On Tuesday, November 7, 2023, Michelle Rudek Renaut, of Fulton, MD passed away unexpectedly at the age of 51. Michelle was born in Pgh. March 17, 1972.

Loving wife to Paul; beloved mother of Kiran. Survived by her parents Raymond and Louise Rudek; Brother Raymond (Kimberly); Father-in-law Paul Renaut (Deborah deceased); Brother-in-law Andrew, Sister-in-law Julie.

Michelle was an avid yoga participant, enjoyed cooking and baking, active in supporting her community through volunteer efforts: PTA, local social committee, and the Drug Free program. A proud Steelers fan whose first crush was on linebacker Jack "Splat" Lambert. Her ethnic heritage and extended family were an important part of her life and she dedicated herself to being a truly amazing wife and mother.

Dr. Rudek received her undergraduate degree (BS in Pharmacy) Magna Cum Laude from University of Pittsburgh and dual Ph.D./Pharm. D. degrees from a joint NCI/VCU graduate program in clinical pharmacology.

Michelle joined the faculty of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine as an Assistant Professor in Oncology in 2003 and directed the Kimmel Cancer Center's Lab, leading a team that conducts tests to see how promising new drugs travel through the body, are absorbed, distributed and metabolized, and what effect they have on cancer cells at Johns Hopkins and other institutions.

During her impactful career, Michelle built a strong laboratory research team and created strong collegial partnerships. She also researched and managed drug interactions among people with cancer who have underlying health conditions, such as liver or other organ dysfunction, to ensure they can safely receive anticancer drugs.

In 2019, Michelle was promoted to full professor. She was the first non-physician recipient of the National Cancer Institute's Michael Christian Award, which recognized her leadership in translational research and clinical pharmacology.

Dr. Rudek mentored translational investigators including classroom teaching, oncology fellows and faculty, many who have progressed to assume important leadership roles in the drug development field. She delivered lectures and workshops that address pharmacokinetic principles and was considered a respected thought leader in research pharmacology.

Services on Sunday, November 19, 2023, at **WITZKE FAMILY HOMES**, 5555 Twin Knobs Road, Columbia, MD 21045. Visitation from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Memorial Service will commence at 1 p.m.

Go to [www.witzkefuneralhomes.com](http://www.witzkefuneralhomes.com) to share memories and expressions of sympathy.

In honor of Dr. Michelle A Rudek, a fund has been established to recognize her legacy.

Please make checks payable to Johns Hopkins University and mail with a memo stating the gift is in honor of Dr. Rudek.

Send to: Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center, 750 E. Pratt Street, Suite 1700, Baltimore, MD 21202 or make a gift online at <https://secure.jhu.edu/form/Kimmel> (choose other and specify Dr. Michelle Rudek Fund).

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