

# STEFANIE "STEFFI" BRUNINGHAUS



Stefanie "Steffi" Bruninghaus was born and raised in Mannheim, Germany on September 2, 1966. Following her studies at the University of Mannheim, Germany, she moved to Pittsburgh in 1994 to pursue graduate studies in Intelligent Systems (Artificial Intelligence) at the University of Pittsburgh. While at Pitt, she met her husband-to-be, Vincent Aleven, a graduate student in the same field. They married in 2004. Steffi

developed a passion for Middle Eastern dance and music and was also very active in Pittsburgh's animal shelter world. The last two and a half years of her life, she battled with breast cancer. The battle came to an untimely end on December 19, 2023. She is survived by her father, Wolfgang Bruninghaus; her stepmother, Karin Kellenbenz, both of Wald Michelbach, Germany; her brother, Andreas Bruninghaus of Wiehl, Germany; and her husband of 19 years, Vincent Aleven of Pittsburgh. An event to celebrate her life will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at 2 pm at the Schenley Park Visitor Center in Pittsburgh. Please RSVP: <https://forms.gle/kx2G5LzAkXq1r75T7> Arrangements entrusted to the **JOHN N. ELACHKO FUNERAL HOME**, 3447 Dawson St. Pgh. PA 15213. Please visit Stefanie's memorial page at [www.ELACHKO.com](http://www.ELACHKO.com).

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