

BETH ANNE BERGMAN

October 8, 1956 - January 4, 2024



I'd like to believe that there are serendipitous moments in the universe, where the cosmic makeup of time and place align ever-so perfectly to create a magical, momentary spark that makes the world shine a little bit brighter than every other moment before, and quite likely, after. A spark that brings something into the lives of anyone to come across it, in this case, her – just that much brighter. In my

case, I was fortunate enough to have spent 39 years with that spark, as my mother of all things...can't make it up. An entire lifetime with a real-life superhero of sorts.

There's a saying that stands out in my mind anytime I think of Beth, "How you do anything is how you do everything." You've probably heard this before, but let me explain.

Beth Anne Bergman (Leone) passed away peacefully on January 4, 2024 surrounded by her loving family. She was 67 years old, but squeezed every last ounce out of her life.

Beth was a woman of immense grace, grit, brilliance and beauty. She had a vivacious spirit and warm smile that lit up every room she entered. Her laughter was infectious; her kindness, unwavering. She mastered seemingly everything she set her mind to with passion, panache, and an intense attention to every detail. "How you do anything is how you do everything," and she lived this daily.

Beth was born on October 8, 1956 in Pittsburgh, PA to Robert and Mary Anne (McGinty) Leone. She grew up in the Perrysville area and formed strong, lifelong bonds with her three brothers Bob (Jamie), William (Marny), and Michael (Karen). She attended Nativity Grade School, St. Benedict Academy, and Sewickley Valley Hospital School of Nursing. She was named Miss Hope Allegheny County in 1977, graduated at the top of her class and had a lifelong GPA of 4.0 (I didn't believe it myself either, try living up to that). Again, "how you do anything is how you do everything."

Beth lived life to the fullest even in the face of health challenges. She bravely overcame breast cancer in 1997 and recently battled peritoneal carcinomatosis for nearly four years when she was only expected to live 11-14 months (superhero).

Beth also found great joy and purpose in serving her local community and underprivileged children abroad through two surgical missions to Peru and Brazil with Surgicorps International.

Her nursing career spanned over 20 years at Passavant Hospital and in private practice. Beth later returned to school to earn advanced nursing degrees, including her BSN from La Roche University in 2001. She truly had a lifelong love of learning and received the University's President Award for Leadership and Scholarship.

Beth loved life and all that it had to offer her and the people she cared about – traveling the world, appreciating art and culture, learning new skills from piano to languages, and spending quality time with her tight-knit family and wide circle of friends. She was as comfortable on the golf course (with four career holes-in-one) as she was volunteering for local charities and her children's schools.

Her talents spanned from sculpting and interior design to mastering new technologies and academic coursework with ease. Beth graduated top of her nursing class (again), and continued learning new things every day – from painting techniques to paddle tennis strategies and everything in between. The word "can't" did not exist for Beth. "How you do anything is how you do everything."

While her professional accomplishments as a nurse were immense, Beth was most proud of the love she gave to and received from family and friends. She will be dearly missed by her beloved husband Jeff (44 years); sons, Brock (Alexa), Brett (Kayla) and Beau (Rebecca); grandchildren Olivia, Bennett, Greta and August, and all those blessed to know her.

The world lost one of its brightest lights, but Beth's memory will shine on eternally in the hearts of all those she touched with her wisdom, wit, and selfless spirit.

Our entire family would like to thank the numerous physicians and healthcare providers at Hillman Cancer Center, Shadyside Hospital, and Good Samaritan Hospice of Wexford. She loved and appreciated the tireless research, effort, and comfort you all provided her in her time of need.

In lieu of flowers, Beth requested any contributions be made to Hillman Cancer Center (www.upmchillman.com/donate), which helped prolong her life for which she was incredibly grateful.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 6, 2024. Arrangements entrusted to **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**

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