

DANA MARIE "DANERS" (TOMAJKO) BARBEE



Dana Marie Barbee, 49, of Wilmerding, PA, passed away on February 22, 2024. After so many battles and victories, she finally lost her struggle against cancer. Her final battle ended at her favorite place and second home, Jefferson Hospital. She was born on August 17, 1974, in Pittsburgh, PA. Those who knew and loved her would agree, that first and foremost, Dana was "The Boss". After

guiding so many people over her life, she was also a loving wife, daughter, sister, best friend, cousin, aunt, great-aunt, and devoted friend. She cherished God, life, and family above all else. We know work should not define a person, but Dana was so proud of the career path she chose. Before having to leave, to fight her cancer, she was the Lead CVOR Surgical Technician, and dedicated over 20 years to Jefferson Hospital and additional years to St. Francis Hospital. She formed friendships (Amy and Jared Gamble; best friends and she and Amy should have been sisters in another life) along the way, and the CVOR team spent countless hours in the operating room saving so many lives. Survived by her husband, Adam Barbee; mother, Diana Tomajko; brother, Jamey Tomajko (Breeze, Jaymeson, Jiada). Dana was Italian and a Hunkey, and has so many aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, nieces, nephews, and even one great-niece! The family does not want to offend anyone by not listing their names; they just want everyone to know how much you meant to Dana. Preceded in death by her father Joseph Tomajko. Her hobbies included photography, winery visits, spending time with family and friends, and traveling. Dana's unmistakable voice, laughter, smile, and unwavering honesty left a lasting impact on all who knew her. I don't think there was a craft show or winery in the area who didn't know the name Dana Barbee. On a personal note, it took almost 40 years for Dana and Adam to find each other, but the last decade together were the best years of his life. While traveling, and even during her battle, Adam would leave a message for her every morning before she woke up. A quote the two shared, and many would hear them utter is, "I Love You More". "When I say I love you more, I don't mean I love you more than you love me. I mean I love you more than the bad days ahead of us. I love you more than any fight we will ever have. I love you more than the distance between us. I love you more than any obstacle that could try and come between us. I love you the most". Dana left a huge void in all our hearts. So many people have so many stories out there. Make sure you continue to tell them for eternity. Family and friends will have game nights, golf cart rides, work locker room chats and remember her. There will always be little things along the way that will remind everyone of Dana, and it can actually, be said that millions of people all over the world have been touched by her life; in so many ways. Visitation will be held on February 25, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the **GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE**, 4335 Northern Pike, Monroeville, PA 15146. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on February 26, at 10:00 AM at Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish at St. Bernadette Church, 245 Azalea Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146. It will be followed by burial at Good Shepherd Cemetery, 733 Patton St., Monroeville, PA 15146. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made, in her name, to help Dana continue her fight against cancer at www.donate.cancer.org.

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