

DEREK JAMES NOLAN



Derek James Nolan, 54, of Westport, CT, beloved husband of Catherine passed away from a brief battle with cancer at Yale University Hospital. His family is profoundly saddened by his unexpected loss.

Derek was born in Pittsburgh, PA on July 16, 1969. He is survived by his mother, Gloria Dugan Nolan of Pittsburgh, PA and his sister Valerie Nolan (Von Rosenberg) and her husband

Alex Von Rosenberg, nephews Evan and Liam and niece Tara of Cincinnati, Ohio. Derek was preceded in death by his father, James Walter Nolan and grandparents Daniel and Jesse Dugan.

Derek attended Seton La Salle High School and graduated from Clarion University with a degree in Accounting. He worked for Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh after graduation before moving to New York City in 1997 and spent his career in Finance on Wall Street working for Lehman Brothers and at CIT/First Citizens Bank for the remainder of his career. After meeting his wife Catherine in New York City, they married and settled in Westport, CT in 2007.

Derek enjoyed the outdoors, he loved skiing, hiking and walking at the beach. He also spent his time reading non-fictional books and listening to podcasts. Like his grandfather and father, he loved working with wood and built benches that adorn his home and made personal gifts made out of wood to his nephews. Derek liked to travel and California and France were his favorite destinations along with family vacations to Block Island, RI. He enormously loved spending time with his nephews and niece and cherished them forever in his heart. He was also an avid Steeler fan and loyal to Pittsburgh sports and would often travel to Pittsburgh to catch a game. Derek was so well loved by people who have met him, his work colleagues thought highly of him and his friends share fond memories of him that his sudden passing was tragic and unexpected.

The family would like to express their deep gratitude to the excellent service of physicians and medical staff who took care of him at Norwalk Hospital and Yale University Hospital in Connecticut.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 26, 2024 at All Saints Braddock Catholic Cemetery where his ashes will be laid to rest next to his father and near his grandparents. At the request of the family, funeral services will be private with close family and friends. In lieu of flowers, friends and family may consider a donation to Derek's favorite charities in his memory: National Parks Foundation, Seton La Salle High School, Wounded Warriors and your local police.

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