

# **MAHREA RUZANIC**

May 29, 1970 - May 9, 2024



Ashburn - It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Marhea Beth Ruzanic, 53, of Ashburn, Virginia, on Thursday, May 9, 2024. Born Friday, May 29, 1970, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of the late Robert Ruzanic and Joyce Ruzanic. Marhea graduated with a BA from Penn State University in 1992, including a semester abroad in Chichester, England. She loved teaching

and her innovative instruction reached many as an elementary teacher in Virginia. She received her master's degree from George Mason University and worked as a gifted specialist for the Loudoun County Public Schools. Marhea was vivacious and loved people. She was always busy talking to friends, neighbors, and colleagues, and always wanted to learn more about everyone she met. Her infectious spirit would light up a room and her zest for life would carry her through many health trials she faced over the years. She was very active in her church and faith community, organ transplant support and advocacy groups, a volunteer at USTA tennis events, as well as a huge sports fan-following tennis and cheering for the Pittsburgh Steelers. She loved her family and friends with all of her heart. Marhea leaves behind her mother, Joyce Ruzanic, brother, Robert Ruzanic and Alex Ruzanic (Beth), and her four dearly loved nieces and nephews: Annie, Lucy, Jack and Wyatt. Her life mattered to many, and we were blessed because of her beautiful soul as she became a humble servant to God. A memorial service will be held at Memorial Park Church, 8800 Peebles Rd., Allison Park, PA 15101, on Saturday, May 25 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations in Marhea's honor to the American Diabetes Association or the National Kidney Foundation.

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