

MARGARET ELIZABETH FITZHUGH (MURPHY) MILLER



Lisa Miller, 59, of Pittsburgh, PA, died on March 14, 2024, after a sudden illness.

Lisa was born on February 8th, 1965, to Michael and Margaret Murphy in Kansas City. After Lisa graduated from Bishop Conwell in 1984, she went on to study political science at the University of Pittsburgh.

Lisa received her BA in History and PhD in Anthropology (Japan Studies) from the University of Pittsburgh. She lived in Japan for 3 years to collect ethnographic data for her dissertation, studying adolescence in Japanese girls. Her dissertation is titled "Creative Children: Japanese High School Girls' Narratives of Life," and explores the life of the Japanese teenage girl through the girls' view of their world, therefore rejecting prior pathologizing depictions.

In 2000, Lisa met Robert and his daughter, Sophie, while living next door to each other in Regent Square. Rob and Lisa's first date was to Sushi Too, and after that the couple became inseparable. Sophie would pick flowers from Lisa's beautiful garden, and soon Lisa had become her wonderful, loving mother. Lisa, Robert, and Sophie bought a house around the block from where they had met a few years later, restoring the house which had been converted into apartments to its original status as a family home. The three lived very happily here, tending to a large and verdant front and back garden.

Lisa was incredibly passionate about life, and never ceased learning new things. She was an avid reader of many genres, with some preference for historical novels. She created a lovely garden which required constant care. Lisa was a wonderful cook, providing her family with the best pasta sauce, chicken pot pie, and beef bourguignon among many other dishes. She decorated her house in an eclectic, colorful, joyful style. Her humor and wit were unmatched. Lisa loved her family more than words can describe and was unfailingly loyal and kind. She fought very hard for the people she loved, and she taught her family how to be strong in the worst of circumstances.

Lisa was predeceased by her mother and father, Michael and Margaret Murphy. She is survived by her husband, Robert Miller, her daughter, Sophie Miller, her brother Bill Murphy and his son Ashton Murphy, her brother Michael Murphy and his daughter Molly Murphy, and her nieces Rachel, Cara, and Georgia Miller.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the East End Cooperative Ministry, an organization Lisa felt strongly about. Arrangements entrusted to the **THOMAS L. NIED FUNERAL HOME INC.** 7441 Washington Street, Swissvale. www.niedfuneralhome.com

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