

# SARA GILLIS HAWKINS



A beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, friend, and colleague, Sara Gillis Hawkins (formerly Sara Dawn Gillis), 46 years old, of Chevy Chase, MD, died of complications related to cancer in her home, surrounded by loved ones on July 9, 2024. She showed bravery, courage, grace, and determination in her 28 months battle with cancer.

Sara was born in Pittsburgh, PA on April 28, 1978 to Alan and Faith Gillis, who provided unwavering love and affection to Sara throughout her entire life. Sara attended Chartiers Valley High School before studying Political Science at the University of Delaware, and then pursuing her law degree at American University in Washington, DC. After graduation from law school, she pursued a career as a securities lawyer, ultimately working as a regulator at the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission ("SEC"), where she worked for almost 20 years.

Sara married Charles (Chuck) Hawkins on September 4, 2004, and raised two wonderful and beautiful children, Molly (13) and Jack (11). The children were her love and the driving force in her life.

Sara was passionate about fighting cancer not for herself but for others. She and Chuck created Team Ladyhawk to raise money for rare cancer research through Cycle for Survivals. Her legacy was the raising of over a half a million dollars for this worthy cause.

Sara is survived by her parents, Alan and Faith; her brother, Gregg Gillis and wife Kendall (Remy and Cameron); her husband, Chuck; and her two beloved children, Molly and Jack. She is survived by her Aunt Hope Krieg and husband Ambrose, Aunt Shelley Weiss, Aunt Marcie Gillis, Aunt Cathy Gillis. And cousins Ben Gillis (Stacey), Annie Borowski (David), Amber Krieg, David Krieg, and Christopher Krieg (Breey Meyer).

Sara was preceded in death by her grandparents, Henry and Zelda Gillis, Jane and Anthony Scutella, and Michael Fedorko Sr.; her uncles, Sidney Gillis, Martin Gillis, and Michael Fedorko Jr.

Visitation is Friday, July 26, 2024 at Joseph Gawler's Sons, 5130 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and a Celebration of Life Ceremony, open to all, is Saturday, July 27, 2024 at Grace Chapel, within National Cathedral School, 3609 Woodley Rd NW, Washington, DC 20016 at 10 a.m. Donations to Cycle for Survival would be greatly appreciated. Please see the link in Sara's Memorial page at Joseph Gawler's Sons website.

The family has asked that when sending flowers, please utilize Suburban Florist, Bethesda, MD.

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