## BARBARA M. RUTECKI May 3, 1955-January 16, 2025



Barbara Rutecki passed peacefully in her residence in Diego, CA, due San to complications with Multiple Sclerosis. Barbara is survived by her devoted husband of 40 vears. Mark Weisberg: her children. David Weisberg (Lynn), Gregory Weisberg (Liz) and Heather Weisberg: and cherished grandchildren. Emeline, Joshua, and Lilv Barbara was the daughter of the late Dr. Joseph and Marv Rutecki. Barb is survived by

her siblings, Paul Rutecki (Ann), Ann Pfohl (Barry), Joseph Rutecki (Lili), Patricia Gray (James), Mary Nusall (Robert); many nieces and nephews; as well as grandnieces and nephews.

Barb graduated from Amherst (NY) Central High School in 1973, she received her BS in Nursing from Niagara University, and her Masters in Nursing from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She also earned her Masters in Public Health in Epidemiology from the University of Pittsburgh. As a nurse practitioner, Barb worked in various areas of healthcare, including Veterans and Senior health, research and treatment of HIV clinic patients, and stem cell blood/bone marrow transplant recipients. She touched so many lives and published several articles related to oncology and stem cell therapy. Barb was an avid runner, who completed several marathons, and she was a soccer referee in youth leagues. Barb will forever be remembered for her strong spirit, compassionate heart, and ever present beautiful smile.

A memorial service will be held in Barbara's honor at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to: University of Wisconsin Foundation, School of Nursing Annual Fund, or Giving-University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health.