



Joan K. Ziembra

May 17, 2012

Joan K. Ziembra, 65, Director, Corporate and Community Relations, The George Washington University Science and Technology Campus in Loudoun County, and founder of the George Mason Cat Coalition, died on May 17, 2012 surrounded by family and friends.

In the 1970's, Joan was the first Public Information Officer for the Chesapeake, Virginia, City and Public Schools. She served as Director, Publications and Special Projects for the George Mason University from 1990 to 1998 and served in her current position since 2003.

She was an avid collector of art, photography, literature, antique doll houses and dolls. She devoted countless hours to feeding and rescuing feral cats.

Joanie was the beloved sister-in-law of James Naegeli; aunt of Diana (Peter) Kipp and Michael (Melissa) Naegeli; and great aunt of Jason Kipp, Alex Kipp, Stephen Naegeli, Daniel Naegeli, and Andrew Naegeli. She was predeceased by her loving father and mother, John and Frances Ziembra, and her sweet sister, Barbara Naegeli.

She was a dedicated, kind, and loving friend to many, who will miss her great good humor and unique take on the world.

Joan fought ovarian cancer with her characteristic strengths and never lost her indomitable beliefs.

A gathering was held for friends and colleagues in Virginia on Monday, May 21, 2012 at Money and King in Vienna. A memorial service for friends and family will be at Bates & Anderson Funeral Home on Friday, June 8, 2012 from 4-6 pm in Joanie's hometown of Hudson, NY.

Memorial donations in her name may be made to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ So many wonderful and laughter filled memories of our years at HHS and SUNY New Paltz. I was lucky to share some emails with her in the last few years. I was luckier to have her as a friend at both schools.

Knowing that moving on to that better place will leave her pain and suffering free helps one deal with her loss.

Skip Bartholomew

David "Skip" Bartholomew - June 07, 2012 at 10:49 AM

RH

“ Richard Hofstetter lit a candle in memory of Joan K. Ziemba



Richard Hofstetter - June 04, 2012 at 02:17 PM

GV

“ Gail Fingar Veruto lit a candle in memory of Joan K. Ziemba



Gail Fingar Veruto - June 03, 2012 at 07:55 PM

DK

“ We will miss another classmate of HHS '65. May the thoughts of sympathy help to ease the family's pain at this difficult time. Donna (Clapp) Klose

Donna (Clapp) Klose - June 03, 2012 at 06:08 PM

AP

“ *Anthony Pizza lit a candle in memory of Joan K. Ziemba*



Anthony Pizza - June 03, 2012 at 01:34 PM

AG

“ *Andrew Ginsberg lit a candle in memory of Joan K. Ziemba*



Andrew Ginsberg - June 02, 2012 at 07:38 AM

PW

“ *My sympathy to Joan's family. As a highschool classmate and friend of Joan I respected her kindness, intelligence and sincerity. May you find solace in fond memories of her, her accomplishments, and her dreams. Respectfully, Paul Westfall.
(As I now live in Florida I will be unable to attend the Memorial Service but will be there in spirit and thought.)*

Paul Westfall - June 02, 2012 at 07:03 AM