



Darlene Fromel Howard

June 6, 2014

Darlene Fromel Howard, 47, of Lititz, PA, died Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. Born in Auburn, NY, she was the daughter of the late Stephen and Julia Fromel. She was the wife of Eric Webster Howard with whom she celebrated nearly 24 years of marriage.

Darlene was a 1988 graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology. She then went on to work as a researcher at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Rochester before becoming a homemaker. She was a sustaining member of the Junior League of Lancaster, Co-President of East Petersburg Swim Team and a Board Member of the Diplomat Swim Club. In addition, she was an active member of the Auxiliary of the Lancaster County Dental Society and she enjoyed volunteering in her children's classrooms.

She is survived by her husband and two children, a son Alexander Webster Howard and daughter Lily Elizabeth Howard all of Lititz.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Darlene's Celebration of Life Service on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc., 528 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA (corner of Orange and Pine Streets) at 6:00 PM. In keeping with Ukrainian tradition, there will be a light meal and refreshments, called "breaking of the bread", following the service and all friends and family are invited. A Memorial Mass

will be held at St. John Neumann Church, 601 E. Delp Road, Lancaster on Friday, June 13, 2014 at 10:30 A.M. with the The Rev. Andriy Rabyi officiating. The family will greet friends at the church on Friday, June 13, 2014 at 9:30 A.M. until time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions can be sent payable to: East Petersburg Swim Team, 1626 South Colebrook Road, Manheim PA, 17545. A fund has been created in Darlene's name to provide financial aid to young athletes that require assistance in order to participate at the Diplomat Swim Club or the East Petersburg swim team.

Tribute Wall



“ *Darlene Fromel Howard*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I just found Darlene's obit today and wanted to leave my condolences to Eric, Alex and Lily. I first met Darlene and Eric when we all worked together at the University of Rochester. I attended their wedding and was so happy to exchange Christmas cards with them and watch their children grow in the pictures they sent after their move to PA. I wish comfort and peace to the family.*

Gail M. Seigel - December 30, 2014 at 07:15 PM



“ *Dear Eric and children, I am so saddened and shocked to hear of Darlene's passing. Darlene and I were so close and both Ukranian . We shared in our Ukranian tradition at Sts. Peter and Paul in Auburn as Darlene's house was also right by the church . We had a lot of fun together in high school and I can't believe I am writing this . God certainly needed Darlene in heaven more. We share a broken heart with your family . My parents and grandmother loved Darlene as well as our whole family. I have so many fond childhood and high school memories . She will be in my prayers always and we will pray for your dear family . God bless you .
Paula Flummerfelt Quinnip*

Paula flummerfelt quinnip - July 02, 2014 at 06:48 AM

RL

“ Dear Eric,
So sorry that we were out of town when Darlene passed away and for the services. Please know that we have been thinking of you the entire time. We cannot begin to fathom the pain and sense of loss you must be feeling at this difficult time. Darlene was such a wonderful person and we feel blessed that our paths crossed in time for us to have gotten to know her, as well as you and your kids. We hope that you have been able to gain the strength you need to deal with this tragedy, through our thoughts and prayers and those of the many people who love and care about you. Give Alex and Lily a big hug for us.

Rusty and Barbara Long - June 25, 2014 at 01:33 PM

KO

“ Dr. Howard and family, although we never met your wife she sounds like a tremendous person. It is so hard for those here when a loved one is called early to heaven. May your faith give you and your children comfort, peace, and hope for the future. Your family, and especially your dear wife will be in our prayers. Kristy, Diana, and Rachel Ober

Kristy Ober - June 18, 2014 at 06:21 AM

LK

“ oh Dr. Howard, we are so terribly sorry for your loss. God bless you all, and hold you so tight during this time and always. She's in Jesus' arms. Love and friendship from all of us. We are at your service!!!! The Kalinowski's

Lisa Kalinowski - June 12, 2014 at 09:05 PM

KT

“ Dear Eric-
Sending our thoughts and prayers to you during this time.
Kristin/John, Dick/Jane and Rick/Liz

Kristin Abright Thiry - June 12, 2014 at 04:50 PM

FC

“ Dear Eric,
There are no words adequate to convey the depth of my sympathy and sadness in the tragic loss of Darlene. My prayers and thoughts will be with you, Alex, and Lilly. If there is ever anything that I can do to support you or your practice through this difficult time, please know I would be honored to be of help. May God bless you all.

Frank Carano - June 12, 2014 at 02:08 PM

TH

“ Dr Howard & children (Alex & Lily),

Words cannot express the loss of your beautiful wife, mom and friend. May her memories always remain in your hearts and your family and friends be comforting at this difficult time. Please except our condolences to the Howard family and beyond!

The Henry's

The Henry's - June 12, 2014 at 02:02 PM

BF

“ *Eric, Alex, and Lily,*

We send our deepest sympathies to you during this extremely sad time. Darlene was a terrific person, who was kind, caring, optimistic, and always eager to help out someone in need. I (Bill) feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to work with her during her University of Rochester days and witness her joyful smiles and hearty laughs on a daily basis. God bless.

Love,

Bill, Theresa, Olivia, and Max Bowers

Bowers Family - June 11, 2014 at 01:15 PM

ER

“ *Dear Dr. Howard, Alex and Lily,*

My thoughts and prayers are with you. It is such sad news to hear of your loss and it is so good to have family and friends to surround you. You are blessed to have so many people who love you. My deepest sympathies.

Elaine Anderson Kump, RDH

Elaine Anderson Kump, RDH - June 10, 2014 at 07:20 PM

BA

“ *Eric, Alex and Lily,*

I was so deeply saddened to hear of Darlene's passing. I met her initially in League and then had the opportunity to see her various times as the kids were growing. She was an amazing mom and I know her gift of love for the entire family will be so greatly missed. My deepest sympathies.

Barb Adams

Barbara Adams - June 09, 2014 at 09:32 PM

JF

“ *Dear Dr Howard, Alex and Lily,*

We are so saddened to hear of the loss of your wife and mother. We will be praying for you all through this very difficult time. Psalm 55:22 Cast your burden on the Lord, And He shall sustain you;He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

In His Name,

Frank, Jackie, Markanthony, Gianna and Frankie Rizzo

Jacqueline and Frank Rizzo and family - June 09, 2014 at 07:34 PM

LT

“ *As a former patient of Dr. Manni and my son Oliver, a current patient of yours we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your children.*

Blessings,

Linda and Oliver

Linda L Thompson - June 09, 2014 at 06:46 PM

AM

“ Dear Dr. Howard and children,

*My prayers are with you during this difficult time.
Your wife/mother sounds like a wonderful woman.*

*Peace and prayers,
Amy, Ben, Alex, and Isabelle Ebersole*

Amy - June 09, 2014 at 06:13 PM

EK

“ Dear Eric, Alex and Lily,

It's so hard to know what to say to express the sadness we feel on Darlene's passing. We have shared so many swim meets together that it is hard for us to picture Darlene not sitting in the stands, or working admissions, or reviewing the psych sheets. She was a constant presence and will continue to be in our hearts and minds. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you shoulder this difficult time not only for yourself but with the kids. You are a strong and dedicated father to Alex and Lily and I know that Darlene's spirit will guide you through her loss.

*Love is with you,
Cindy, Eric, Bryce and Lauren Katch*

Eric and Cindy Katch - June 09, 2014 at 04:19 PM

RO

“ Dear Dr. Eric, Alex, and Lily:

You have my most sincere, heartfelt condolences. I know all too well the ache caused by the death of a loved one. It is my firm belief that you will be with her again. As Jesus said in John 6:39-40:

"And this is the will of Him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that He has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

I shall keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Mark

Rev. Mark Olivo - June 09, 2014 at 04:16 PM

TF

“ Dr. Howard, Alex, and Lily -

I was shocked and sad to hear of your loss. My heart goes out to all of you. Please let us know as neighbors, patients, and friends if there is anything we can do for you.

Tammi Fahnrey and family - June 09, 2014 at 02:23 PM

MD

“ Dear Dr. Eric and Family,

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. We are so sorry to learn of your profound loss. May you take comfort in the memory of your love, and cherish her Spirit in your hearts. Mark & Brane' Nichols

Mark Nichols, DMD - June 09, 2014 at 01:49 PM

MJ

“ So very sad to hear about your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your children during this very difficult time.

Marieke, Marli and Aleena James - June 09, 2014 at 01:04 PM

AG

“ We're all so sorry to hear about the loss of Mrs. Howard. She was a good woman, who was always thinking about others. As another member of the East Pete Frogs, it's comforting to know that even after her passing Mrs. Howard is still supporting the team she loved and supported so dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Alex.

-Anthony, Katie, Matthew, Tom, and Lori Genovese

Anthony Genovese - June 09, 2014 at 11:37 AM

CG

“ Eric, Alex and Lily:

We are really sad after hear of Darlene's passing. Really sorry for your loss. Sending you a big hug.

Cesar & Sandra Gonzalez - June 09, 2014 at 10:18 AM

SD

“ I graduated from high school with Darlene. She was always a joy to be around and may she Rest In Peace.

Stephen DeLuca - June 09, 2014 at 09:01 AM

KG

“ What a beautiful tribute for a beautiful lady. Uncle Eric, Alex, and Lily, you are often on my mind and in my prayers.

Katie Geary - June 09, 2014 at 04:03 AM

PR

“ Dear Dr. Eric,

I am a hygienist who works with/for Frank Carano and Marie Kelly. I am so sincerely sorry for the loss of your dear wife. I am absolutely devastated for you and your family. Please know I will keep you and your children in my prayers.

With deepest sympathy,

Pat Donnelly, RDH

Pat Donnelly, RDH - June 08, 2014 at 09:11 PM

AB

“ Eric, Alex, and Lily,

Words cannot describe reading Darlene's obituary this morning. My heart breaks for all of you. Please remember what a wonderful soul she was and all the happy memories you have. God bless you and you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Amy Bodner-Gavras - June 08, 2014 at 07:56 PM

CH

“ *May the lord wrap his arms around her tightly! My prayers are sent to her lovely family. So very sorry for your great loss!*

Christine Hopko - June 08, 2014 at 06:57 PM

EB

“ I was saddened to hear of Darlene's passing. We graduated Auburn High School together 30 years ago this month, and I have many fond memories of our high school years and summer adventures. She will be long missed and well remembered. My deepest condolences to her family and friends.

Ellen Baumes - June 08, 2014 at 06:12 PM

AM

“ Darlene is one of the dearest friends that I have ever had. I will always cherish every moment that I had with her and will keep her close to my heart always. Our entire family is deeply saddened by her loss. The world may have lost a kind, talented and beautiful soul but heaven has truly gained an angel. Our sincerest condolences to her friends and loved ones, may God give you peace and strength in the days ahead. We love you and are always here for you.

Amy McHugh - June 08, 2014 at 04:38 PM

RF

“ We are deeply sorry to hear of the passing of Darlene. She was a dear friend to our family. She will be missed. Our prayers are with her family. May her memory last forever.

Regets Family - June 08, 2014 at 01:23 PM

PA

“ So very sorry to hear of the loss of your beautiful wife, mother and friend. She sounds like she was a phenomenal woman. How Blessed you were to have her in your lives. She'll be watching over you. Patricia and family

Patricia - June 08, 2014 at 07:34 AM

DP

“ I just could not believe when I learned of Darlene's passing. She was such a special person; her kind spirit will be missed. I know I speak for the entire dental community that this is truly a loss for all. Please let me know if there is anything I, my practice, or the LCDS can do to try to help you and your family through what must be a difficult time. When Alana was being treated at Johns Hopkins, she didn't want anyone to know, cutting herself (and us) from receiving any support during a very trying time. She later felt so strongly that this was wrong, that she did her Oratory on error of her belief. We are all here for you. God Bless. Jason, Margaret and Alana Phillips

Dr Jason Phillips - June 08, 2014 at 06:36 AM