



Di Anna Lynn Borders

March 17, 2022

Di Anna Lynn Borders was born July 9, 1971, in Portsmouth, Ohio, and passed away at the age of 50 on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2022, after a long battle with breast cancer.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Garen Evans, whom she married some 12 years ago on July 25, 2009; her dog, Stella, who she rescued on the streets of Gulfport, Mississippi; and Matilda, a calico cat who was also a rescue. She is survived by her sister, Mary Borders, and a niece, Lisa Hall, as well as her adopted parents, Tom and Judy Carol Herrington, and her old friend, Doug Stringfellow.

Among her friends, her closest allies were the flamingos of Chevy Chase: Michelle Goodwin, Elizabeth Norcross, and Gwen Frothingham.

An important part of her personal life was spent on the bicycle. She won numerous competitions as a mountain bike racer, and later enjoyed recreational road cycling for years with friends from all over the world, including Crystal Boudreaux, John Luthe, Mary Hetrick, Peter Messer, and many others. When her health was compromised by cancer, she still rode using an electric bike with friends from the Lancaster Bicycle Club. She was also a passionate animal lover and rescued many dogs and cats throughout her life.

Di Anna graduated from Columbia College, Chicago with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1996. In work, as in her personal life, Di Anna was a force with which to be reckoned, and a proven leader as Vice President of Design at Armstrong Flooring. Good design was her passion, her mission, and she approached it with eyes wide open.

She won dozens of design awards including three Best of Neocon Gold, the most prestigious and competitive achievement in the industry. As a team leader, her colleagues knew her as fiercely competitive, but also kind, fair, and inclusive. She was approachable and generous with her time.

In lieu of any flowers or other gifts, Di Anna would have you please support your local animal shelter, such as Pet Pantry of Lancaster, 26 Millersville Road, Lancaster, PA 17603 or the ASPCA, 848 S. Prince Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Di Anna Lynn Borders*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I will always struggle to accept that such a large piece of my Soul is separated from me for now. Oh, the fun and adventures we've had over our 30+ years of Sisterhood. I love you more than could ever be put into words.*

Until we meet again, my red-headed powerhouse. I love you Forever.

Love,

Gwen #SistersForever □□□□

Gwen Frothingham - March 30, 2022 at 11:49 AM

TJ

“ We are all going to miss that smile.
Heartfelt, sincere, warm, and sometimes mischievous, no one has a smile quite like she did. What do you say about one of the most wonderful, genuine, beautiful, and honest people that you have ever met? I knew Di Anna over thirty three years, and her soul has only shined brighter with time. She had an unique ability to make people feel comfortable and that they mattered. And lets not forget that wicked sense of humor. It was endearing to say the least. She got along with just about everyone she met, and definitely left this world, albeit far too early, better than she found it.

My deepest condolences go out to Garen, Stella, Matilda, and all of her family and friends. I send them love and warm thoughts.

*Thank you Di Anna for sharing yourself with all of us.
We are better people from having known you.
And while your memory will never leave us, we will miss having you with us, and miss seeing that smile.*

*Wishing you peace,
Thomas Jones*

Thomas Jones - March 26, 2022 at 09:26 PM

TJ

“ 2 files added to the album From Thomas



Thomas Jones - March 26, 2022 at 06:43 PM

KW

“ *Di Anna was a great coworker and even better friend. I learned so much from her. We travelled on many work trips together. We did yoga in Scottsdale, went to a country bar in Vegas, and shopped in Portland. She had the most amazing style and always gave the best fashion advice. Di Anna was a confidante and great listener during a difficult time in my career. She was fiercely talented and an incredible Designer. She will be dearly missed.*

Kate Wert - March 26, 2022 at 05:17 PM

KL

“ *I am so grateful to have been given the gift of knowing Di Anna. She was an incredibly kind yet fierce woman who leaves a legacy of courageous women in her wake. Although I only knew Di Anna in a professional capacity and for far too short of time, she quickly made an impact in my life and I will forever be grateful for having crossed paths with her.*

Kayla Lowrie - March 24, 2022 at 11:36 AM

CL

“ *I worked with Di Anna at Armstrong and she was always kind and helpful towards me. It broke my heart to hear about her passing. She will be missed - Chase Lackey*

Chase Lackey - March 23, 2022 at 10:21 AM

DE

“ *I am thankful for the mentorship Di Anna has provided throughout my career. She was a great leader and I'm appreciative of the time spent working on her team. I am saddened by the loss. Thoughts and prayers sent to Di Anna's family and friends. She will be greatly missed.*

Delaney - March 22, 2022 at 06:48 PM

JL

“Garen - Sending u our thoughts & prayers. Di Anna was such a “special person” that I’m thankful we got to know. Please know my heart is broken for u & Stella. Larry & I appreciate the time we got to spend with y’all.

joy locke - March 22, 2022 at 10:13 AM

LA

“It was always a pleasure to work with Di Anna. She was very generous with her support and I appreciated the time we spent working together.
It was great fun to collaborate with her on a host of projects, including product/color development and most especially Design Councils. Commiserating with fellow designers was always fruitful and enjoyable.
I pray for comfort for her family and friends, because I know that she will be missed by those who knew her.

Laura - March 22, 2022 at 09:46 AM