



Ms. Emily Whitney Cramer

December 13, 1979 - January 21, 2020

Emily W. Cramer, 40, died on Tuesday, January 21st at Heritage Hospice in Marietta, GA from complications associated with metastasized melanoma. Emily used tanning beds during her late teens and 20s which caused the melanoma, and she strongly advocated to any and all, including her four nieces, that they never use tanning beds. Emily was an artist at heart, able to sketch, paint, draw, write and play music. She needed to do art everyday to feel like herself. Emily grew up in Dubai, UAE, Fairport, NY, Doylestown, PA and Roswell, GA, where she finished high school (“Go Hornets!”). A “Georgia Girl”, Emily attended Oxford College (Emory) in Oxford, GA and Emory University in Atlanta. After attending Boston University (BU) for her Masters in Health Communication, Emily returned to Atlanta. She lived in Decatur (“Decatur where it is Greater”) and worked for the Center for Disease Control as a Health Communication Specialist, a position the CDC recruited her for out of BU. With the CDC, Emily educated the public and medical community about the flu (“please wash your hands”) and completed a number of international tours fighting Ebola and other dangerous diseases in Nigeria, Sierra Leone, St. Thomas and Laos. She was to travel to Pakistan to combat measles in 2020 but her health turned to the worse. Emily is survived by her loving mother Cora Cramer, brothers Bill, John and Jim, nieces Savannah, Baker, MacKenzie and Shelby, and more friends and family than you can shake a stick at. A service will be held Saturday, January 25th at 1 PM at Northside Chapel, 12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell, GA. Emily will be buried later this year in Homer, NY where she will lie next to her beloved father Richard, and with Richie and her Grandparents, watch the traffic go by on the “ding dang” to Cortland. In lieu of flowers, ensure all family members are properly vaccinated, girls are educated, art is celebrated and the moment is lived in. We love you Ms. Emmy.

Comments



“ I am so sorry to hear this news! Emily was such a bright light. I remember when she first came to CDC and worked as an intern in the Office of the Director's Media Office. She was always cheery, willing to help, excited about learning, and committed to perfecting her skill set. Her obituary is so very reflective of who she was as a health communicator and who she is now - a loving angel who will live in the lives of those she loved forever and ever! Thanks mom for bringing such a gift into the world.
- Lola Scott Russell, CDC Health Communications Lead

Lola Russell - January 29, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ Lola,
Thank you for you kind words. Be well, John Cramer
john cramer - March 02, 2020 at 11:49 PM



“ To Emily's Family and Friends,

My deepest sympathies. Emily was such a beautiful person. I knew her from our work together at CDC. Even in the midst of chaos and stress, she was calm and kind and thoughtful, and smart and productive. She had a great laugh and smile. A true joy to work with in every sense. Her passing at such a young age is especially heartbreaking. She will be greatly missed by all.

In sympathy,

Carolyn Bridges

Carolyn Bridges - January 27, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ So, Em...I just wanted to write to let you know...your service was beautiful So very...Emily. The Pink Panther theme and Pearl Jam...And...well, as I sat in the chapel before the service just remembering...I looked up to the pretty stained glass behind the alter. It was of a pair of hands, palms up to the sky and a dove plunging earthward. And I was struck by coincidence of our private joke -- where I told you that you reminded me of Katniss in the Hunger Games...and how I used to give you the three finger salute in the halls of the CDC and we would laugh..and I looked back to those stained glass hands and sure enough, in each hand the thumb and pinky were touching, the three middle fingers together...facing upward...and sure...its a dove above them , but why not a mockingjay? Silly maybe, but why not? See you on the other side Katniss. xoxo

Robert - January 26, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ I worked with Emily years ago at CDC and remember her to be very sweet and smart. My condolences to her family.

Bisi Lola - January 25, 2020 at 01:19 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ms. Emily Whitney Cramer.



January 24, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ Emily (I always called her Cramer) and I were friends in high school. We were good friends then, but we drifted apart over the years. Thankfully, I had the opportunity to reconnect with her a few years ago. She loved life and all of the people in her life. I was very proud of the work she was doing and valued her friendship, perspective, and encouragement. I am deeply saddened by her loss, but I know she viewed life as a journey. At the end of her life, I'm sure she was looking forward to rest and getting to give Jesus a really big hug. I grieve for the loss of a good friend. My condolences to her family. Also, to her friends and coworkers who feel as I do. We'll miss you Cramer. Don't cause any trouble up there!

Brian Wright - January 24, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Emily Whitney Cramer.



January 24, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ms. Emily Whitney Cramer.



January 23, 2020 at 05:40 PM



“ I worked with Emily at CDC and she was such a lovely, lovely person. She was a calming influence on us all. I am so sad to hear this news. She will be greatly missed. My condolences to her family during this time.

Lisa Richman - January 23, 2020 at 03:35 PM