



Tracy Lee Heider

October 6, 1966 - January 25, 2013

Tracy Lee Heider, dedicated mother, wife, and daughter passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by family in Alpharetta, after an extended illness on January 25, 2013. She was born on October 6, 1966, in Bismarck, ND.

Tracy studied dance at an early age and danced professionally with the Minnesota Dance Theater. She always had a strong passion for performing. She was named Miss St. Croix Valley and competed as a contestant in the Miss Minnesota pageant in 1987. Tracy graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1988.

Immediately upon graduation, Tracy married and worked for Pepsico as a marketing representative in Minneapolis and later in Salt Lake City, where her son Michael was born. The family then moved to Boston. Her daughter, Jennifer, was born in Providence, Rhode Island.

When the family lived in Columbus, Ohio, Tracy danced with the Vaudevillies Production for 4 years.

She and her family lived in Atlanta since August 2004, where she was an active member of the Marist Mothers Prayer Group and the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church community. She was an avid basketball fan, enthusiastically cheering on both of her children at the high school and college level. She tirelessly volunteered at each of her children's schools throughout the years while the family lived in Columbus, Philadelphia, and Atlanta.

Tracy was an exceptionally loving, giving, compassionate, personable woman

who touched many lives with her enthusiasm and zest for life. She always made friends easily and was committed to insuring the happiness of those around her with her infectious smile. She was devoted to her family.

She is survived by her loving husband, Jim, daughter Jennifer, son Michael, mother Kathleen Braun and father Terry Braun of Phoenix, AZ, brother Troy Braun of Minnetonka, MN and grandmother Helen Braun of Mandan, ND.

A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, January 30, at 10:00AM at St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 535 Rucker Road, Alpharetta GA 30004. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, January 29, at Northside Chapel, 12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell, GA 30075. Those wishing may make memorial contributions to Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke, DUMC Box 3624, Durham, N.C. 27710.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Service

JAN **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
535 Rucker Road
Alpharetta, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Tracy Lee Heider*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Jim*

Just found out about the passing of Tracy. You and your family are in our prayers.

God bless

Mike##imported-begin##Mike Ryan##imported-end##

March 06, 2014 at 07:01 PM



“ *Dear Heider Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time.##imported-begin##Jennifer Cox##imported-end##*

January 30, 2013 at 01:11 PM



“ *Dear Jim and Family,
Thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sadness and sorrow. May Gods arms wrap around you and give you strength to smile and remind you of all the joys she brought you.
In deepest sympathy,
Jo Ann Davis##imported-begin##Jo Ann Davis##imported-end##*

January 30, 2013 at 10:53 AM



“ Dear Jim, Jen, and Michael, I am very sorry that Tracy lost her battle with cancer. She was such an inspiration to me as she lived with such great hope and faith in the midst of her suffering. Please know that you are in my prayers today and in the months ahead. May you feel God's loving arms around you and may He help to carry you and give you peace and strength at this time.

In Christ's love,
Julie Berger##imported-begin##Julie Berger##imported-end##

January 30, 2013 at 09:04 AM



“ Terry, Kathy and Heider family,

Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this very sad time, may God hold you all close and give you comfort and peace. Love, Ron and Eileen Geiger##imported-begin##Eileen Geiger##imported-end##

January 29, 2013 at 08:06 PM



“ Know that I am praying for all of you in your time of sorrow.

She is with God now.

Love you,

Rita Lucas##imported-begin##Rita Lucas##imported-end##

January 29, 2013 at 01:22 PM



“ Jim & Family/Terry, Kathy & Troy -- My condolences & wish I could have been there with you all but will be in thoughts & prayers. May Tracy rest in peace now--God Bless###imported-begin###Rita Klug###imported-end##

January 29, 2013 at 10:43 AM



“ Jim and the entire family: My heart goes out to you during this incredibly difficult time. My prayers are with you and you children especially! May your memories provide comfort and peace! With deepest sympathies, Alison Keels###imported-begin###Alison Keels###imported-end##

January 29, 2013 at 08:59 AM



“ Jim, Micael, and Jennifer,
The Downings are so sorry to hear of your loss. I will always remember the times that we shared during your time in Columbus. Tracy was very special to all of us. Her spirit will live on in all of you.
Fondly,
Mike, Beth, Garrett, Chris, and Matt###imported-begin###Beth Downing###imported-end##

January 29, 2013 at 12:13 AM



“ Your family is in our thoughts & prayers,
Bob & Maureen###imported-begin###Maureen Yantzer###imported-end##

January 28, 2013 at 10:32 PM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. May Tracy's love live on in your memories and bring you peace.

*(David and Mike are friends)###imported-begin##The Hurst Family
###imported-end##*

January 28, 2013 at 10:07 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Although we never met Tracy, we know Mike from Kelsea. I'm sure she was a wonderful woman, wife, mother and friend. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Mike, Cindi, Kelsea and Chris Purpura###imported-begin##Mike, Cindi, Kelsea and Chris Purpura###imported-end##

January 28, 2013 at 06:09 PM



“ May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead. You are in our prayers.
Deb and Ron###imported-begin##Ron and Deborah
Arnold###imported-end##

January 28, 2013 at 04:18 PM



“ May the love that Tracy showered on everyone comfort you at this time.
All our love and prayers for you.
Joanne, Bob and Kevin Reilley###imported-begin##Joanne
Reilley###imported-end##

January 28, 2013 at 02:13 PM



“ Jim,
Heartfelt condolences are extended to you and your family at this time.

*Sincerely,
Kelley (Bealer) Jones###imported-begin###Kelley Jones###imported-end##*

January 28, 2013 at 11:11 AM



“ *Our hearts and prayers are with you and your family.###imported-begin###Cathy & Mike Lauro###imported-end##*

January 28, 2013 at 10:43 AM



“ *Tracy's Family....We are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers. May the loving support of family and friends and the memories of Tracy give you strength and bring you peace.
Bob & Diane (friends of Tracy's parents)###imported-begin###Bob and Diane Rehder###imported-end##*

January 28, 2013 at 10:40 AM



“ *Jim and Family -*

Our deepest sympathies to you for your loss. May God's enduring love comfort you and bring you peace during this time.

Rusty & Wendy Tebo###imported-begin###Rusty Tebo###imported-end##

January 28, 2013 at 08:54 AM



“ Dear Jim, Jennifer and Michael,
While I have never met you in person, I want you to know how sorry I am for your loss. I knew Tracy as a little girl when I was a student at UND. Her sparkle lit up the room. Her delight in life was contagious. I am so thankful she shared Christmas letters and pictures through the years so I could know you all as a family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time.

Carolyn Arness and Joy Lin###imported-begin##Carolyn Arness###imported-end##

January 27, 2013 at 11:43 PM



“ It is with a very heavy heart that I am signing this guestbook. Tracy was a very special friend to me and I will miss not only her friendship but also our many many conversations and phone calls over the years. Please accept the deepest condolences of my entire family. We all count ourselves lucky to have called Tracy our friend. Sleep well my dear friend.

Susie, Gary, Brooke and Brett Rozanczyk###imported-begin##Susie and Gary Rozanczyk###imported-end##

January 27, 2013 at 11:19 PM



“ I will always be grateful for the wonderful times we shared my Dear Tee. Your friendship meant the world to me. May we all be able to carry on without you knowing that you would want us to live life to the fullest. You were able to make the most of every moment and create so much joy in every life you touched. Thank you! We will miss you so much.

Jim, Mike, Jen, Terry, Kathy, Troy, and everyone else who loved Tracy so much...my thoughts and prayers are with you. Love to each of you!##imported-begin##Michele Gorden##imported-end##

January 27, 2013 at 11:15 PM



“ Jim
My deepest condolences. You and your family are in my prayers.
Tammie Hinds##imported-begin##Tammie Hinds##imported-end##

January 27, 2013 at 10:36 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep your family in my prayers.
Wishing you peace, strength, and comfort.
Shawn Roehrich
(Tracy's cousin)##imported-begin##Shawn Roehrich##imported-end##

January 27, 2013 at 08:35 PM



“ Beautiful, sweet, kind, smart, fun. I will miss your smile
Tracy.##imported-begin##John A Wolfe##imported-end##

January 27, 2013 at 06:31 PM



“ Dear Jim, So very sorry to hear of Tracy's passing, we are thinking of you and will keep you ,the kids and Tracy's family in our prayers.##imported-begin##Ken & cookie Jendrusiak##imported-end##

January 27, 2013 at 05:58 PM



“ To My Dear Angle Friend Tracy,
Who was the first person I met when I moved here to Milton, who took me under her wing and never let go! We had more in common than diamonds*, and angles, and I will always have her in my heart. I understood her, and she , me, and her light will shine for ever more. As you called me your soul sister, I love you,
Nancy.##imported-begin##Nancyjo & Mark Sobolewski##imported-end##

January 27, 2013 at 05:50 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. Our prayers and love are with you at this time.##imported-begin##Lauren and John Zueger##imported-end##

January 27, 2013 at 04:51 PM



“ I went to high school with Tracy. She was always such a sweet, kind person to everybody. And she had that amazing smile that would light up the room. I was very sad to hear of her long battle with cancer. She will be greatly missed. Sending love and condolences to Tracy's family.

Sincerely,

Michelle Charpentier Epperson##imported-begin##Michelle Charpentier Epperson##imported-end##

January 27, 2013 at 11:02 AM



“ My condolences to all of Tracy's family and friends. Tracy was a wonderful person that I am glad to have known as a high school classmate. Nearly 30 years have passed and I still remember her perpetual smile like it was yesterday. May she rest in peace.##imported-begin##Jeff Reagan##imported-end##

January 27, 2013 at 11:00 AM



“ Dear Jim, Mike, and Jen,

My heart is breaking for all of you. Tracy had such joy in her heart and everyone who came to know her was witness to her gentle spirit and grace. Know she will always be beside you, even in your grief, helping to ease the pain. May your family, friends, memories and faith wrap you in love and support during these difficult days.

With love,

KC, Karen and family##imported-begin##Karen and KC Whitehead##imported-end##

January 27, 2013 at 08:37 AM



“ Jim, Michael, & Jennifer my deepest condolences go out to all of you. There are no words to help heal the loss you are all feeling. Tracy was like my daughter and had a heart of gold. She lived for her family and was ever so proud of all of you. Now Traci is with God watching over all of us. We now have a beautiful angel in heaven. She always did and always will hold a special place in my heart. My heart is heavy with grief. Love###imported-begin##Judy Zito###imported-end##

January 27, 2013 at 12:34 AM



“ Sorry we can't be with you at this sad time but remember: God looked around his garden and found an empty space, then he looked down upon this earth and saw Tracy's tired face. He put his arms around her and lifted her to rest. God's garden must be beautiful he only takes the best.
Rest In Peace Tracy.###imported-begin##Cathy and Tom Kozlowski###imported-end##

January 26, 2013 at 09:20 PM



“ My Dearest cousin Jim. How can I find the words to tell you of the sorrow in my heart? Love to you and your family and may you find some sense of comfort and peace. God Bless you
Tracy.###imported-begin##Larry Jendrusiak###imported-end##

January 26, 2013 at 08:06 PM



“ Jim and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Tracy was a beautiful person both inside and out. She will be sadly missed by all. May she rest in peace.
Bob and Bonnie Dodge##imported-begin##Bonnie Dodge##imported-end##

January 26, 2013 at 08:02 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss and extend my deepest sympathy---my heart is with you...##imported-begin##Deanna Berg##imported-end##

January 26, 2013 at 05:33 PM



“ Thank you Tracy for bringing joy into the lives of all those who had the privilege of knowing you. Such a woman of faith - a witness to us all through her modeling of perseverance and trust in the Lord. Love and be loved...that was Tracy. Mary Beth##imported-begin##Mary Beth Gramlich##imported-end##

January 26, 2013 at 02:06 PM



“ Our condolence to you. Tracy's time was too brief, our love leaves a memory no one can steal.

So very very sorry for the loss of Tracy

Darla##imported-begin##Darla Miller##imported-end##

January 26, 2013 at 01:48 PM