



Tracey Janine Ashton

June 26, 1970 - April 4, 2021

Tracey Janine Ashton, age 50, went home to be with the Lord on April 4, 2021, after a long battle with Metastatic Breast Cancer.

Tracey is predeceased by her father, Kevin Flanagan, and survived by her mom, Melanie (Darren) Nichols, siblings, James Griffin, Kelly Flanagan, Danny Flanagan. She also leaves behind her nephew, Wyatt Griffin, nieces, Chloe Griffin, Layla Flanagan, and Uncle, Joe Furia, along with many beloved friends.

Tracey was a veteran of the United States Army, where she served as an E4 Specialist and saw combat in the Gulf War and Desert Storm. She earned The Army Commendation Medal when she ran into a burning army barracks to evacuate 14 sleeping servicemen/women.

After her honorable discharge from the army, she joined The National Guard and was deployed back to California where she defended her country again during the LA Riots. She then returned to Florida where she ended up in Orlando and pursued her career as an IT Specialist. She excelled in her job and worked for a large law firm, Akerman LLP. She then took a job consulting which allowed her to travel worldwide which became her passion. After 2 years and her consulting contract had ended, she moved to Miami and returned to Akerman LLP for 13 more years. She excelled there as well and was able to do more traveling and made lifelong friends along the way. Her colleagues said her best skills were the ability to understand what the users needed and building the best relationships.

At age 40 she was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer, but she was determined to live life to the fullest. Through many surgeries and treatments later cancer returned when she was almost 5 years out. Still determined to survive she continued to fight, travel and live life with all she had.

Tracey loved being outside and anything to do with the ocean. She loved sports and would never miss a chance to go to a Marlins or Gator game. Shopping was always at the top of her list and we shared many hours in Marshalls. Tracey was as comfortable in sweats and sneakers as she was in heels and a party dress. Let's not forget the many hours on the dance floor. She would never miss a chance to help a friend celebrate a birthday, wedding, or birth of a baby. She loved her family, friends and any animal she came across

with all her heart. She was caring, generous, loving, and compassionate to everyone. She adored her family and especially her nephew, Wyatt and niece, Chloe. They meant everything to her and she would do anything for them.

Tracey will never be forgotten and will live on in the hearts of many until they meet again. Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, May 1, 2021, at 4 pm at the VFW located at 915 New York Avenue, St. Cloud, FL.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to [Metavivor.org](https://www.metavivor.org) or Metavivor Research and Support, Inc., 1783 Forest Drive #184, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Cemetery

Osceola Crematory LLC

1715 Old Boggy Creek

Kissimmee, Fl., 34744

Comments



“ That smile always lit up our life...and always will.



Clara Cartagena - April 26, 2021 at 10:46 PM



“ I met Tracey when she agreed to join her friend to help a total stranger learn how to ride a tri bike - how to clip and unclip, without maiming herself too badly. A mutual friend had encouraged me to try riding my bike at least once before I attempted a race the next day and told me to call some girl I didn't know to go with me. When I got to the girl's house, she asked if I minded if she invited her friend, Tracey, along and I was like, why the heck not, I don't even know you! And so it was that I first met Candice, and by extension, Tracey. She didn't judge. Instead, she patiently helped me. Encouraged me to keep trying when I busted my butt. After that day, I felt like I had known Tracey forever. She'd reach out before races to coordinate meeting up, introduced me to her other friends. She'd always reach out before Corporate Runs to make sure she invited me to her firm's tent. I'd always swing by to visit, with a few other friends in tow, and she would always welcome us all with open arms (and lots of booze.) I am so grateful to have known her and thankful for the inspiration she provided. May you rest in peace.

Elena C - April 19, 2021 at 10:48 PM



“ Ohhh this girl...My soul-sister, friend, warrior and confidant of mine..Tracey is so very missed. I am thankful that we documented just about every moment we had together. Many probably thought it was too much, but I do not believe it was even enough. I will treasure all of our memories we made, all the celebrations, laughters and all the tears and struggles. She was a one of a kind! Matt and I pray for the entire Family and Friends that your grief now will soon turn to moments of gratitude of the time we all had with Tracey. That moment cannot come soon enough. May our angel fly high and travel everywhere your heart desires! Love you and Miss you Tracey!



Chi Mitson - April 19, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ Tracey and I became friends from the day we met. You filled my life with unconditional love, endless laughter and a friendship like no other. You made my life richer just by being part of it. I will love and miss you forever. Rest easy my “rockstar friend”. Xxx

Naomi Ayoub - April 10, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ Tracey Janine Ashton was my best friend. She changed my life from the day I met her and I would not be the person I am today without her. I will love and miss her forever.



Linette Matheny - April 09, 2021 at 04:04 PM



“ To the family of Tracey Janine Ashton: Please accept my sincere condolences in the passing of Tracey. I did not know Tracey that well, only through being a co-worker at Akerman - she in Florida and me in Virginia. The first time we met was when our firm merged with Akerman and she visited our offices in Virginia for the transition. I knew immediately that she knew what she was doing. Needless to say, our transition went well and we became distant emailers after she returned to Florida. Tracey was certainly a force in her own right and her Memoriam says it all. We always ask why, but the reason is probably evident - God needed Tracey - a golden heart stopped stopped beating, hardworking hands at rest - God broke our hearts to prove to us - He only takes the best. Prayers and blessings to each family member. May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort each of you now and in the days ahead.

Sharon Akers/Akerman family - April 08, 2021 at 02:23 PM



“ Each coming birthday I will still celebrate as if you are here. What a special blessing that we share the same birthday. The Birthday parties we had, the special phone calls and text messages year after year. I loved you like a sister and I am going to miss you so much. I will cherish each and every memory



Michelle Moskovitz-Kaufman - April 08, 2021 at 10:08 AM



“ Chi Mitson lit a candle in memory of Tracey Janine Ashton



Chi Mitson - April 07, 2021 at 11:23 PM