



Catherine Nicole Leettola

December 28, 2018

Catherine N. Leettola, age 34, passed away on December 28, 2018, after a courageous two-year cancer battle. She was born January 11, 1984, in Castro Valley, CA to Thomas and Mary (Coble) Leettola. Her life-long love of science lead her to UC San Diego where she graduated, summa cum laude, in 2006 with a major in biochemistry and cell biology. It was in college that she met her loving husband, Anthony Adamucci. After working in lab research settings for two years, Catherine found it her calling to attend UCLA's Ph.D. doctoral program in biochemistry. Her post-doctoral education took her to Philadelphia in 2015 where she worked on antibody research for Janssen Pharmaceuticals. In early 2017, Catherine was faced with her toughest test yet. She was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and then, four weeks later, a breast cancer diagnosis was added to her plate. Despite the grim diagnosis, Catherine continued to smile and enjoy her favorite activities such as cooking, fly-fishing, hiking, and embarking on adventures with her brother and husband. She threw out the honorary first pitch for the Philadelphia Phillies and was named their honorary batgirl to promote cancer awareness. Even with all the big adventures, Catherine loved to just chat and socialize with her friends and family. She is survived by her husband, Anthony; her loving parents; her amazing brother, Matthew Leettola. Catherine touched many lives. All family and friends are invited to her celebration party at Normandy Farms on January 12, 2019 from 12 – 3 pm for light food, drinks, and remembrances. The party will be casual and we will just 'chat and socialize' just as Catherine wanted. In lieu of flowers, Catherine's favorite charities are Unite for HER and American Cancer Society. Please make sure to include Catherine's name on your Unite for HER donation, as they will be earmarked to help woman with ovarian cancer in their brand new pilot program.

Unite for HER Donation Website: <https://uniteforher.org/donate/>

American Cancer Society - <https://www.cancer.org/>

Services and Interment Pending.

Comments



“ Anne Collins lit a candle in memory of Catherine Nicole Leettola



Anne Collins - January 29 at 07:13 PM



“ Dear Catherine, we had a great time at your graduation celebration , picnics in the park! Wished we can have more eventful fun ! Your spirt, courage, love within remains forever! Love from your cousin & Great Aunt Lou ..meet you there with your Grandpa George! Bless you my cousin Catherine , love always Annette RIP

Anne Collins - January 29 at 02:09 PM



“ I hired Catherine after she graduated from college and our working together became a friendship where we, along with Anthony, would spend social time together. Catherine was a flower that kept opening wider and adding more color. I shed tears to see her bloom cut short. I'll always remember her laughing at me when she overcame scientific difficulties that I had deemed insurmountable. And she always wanted to know why. We kept in touch over the years. I really do hate to hear the devastating news. Catherine , I will miss you. Anthony be strong and remember how supportive you were for Catherine in all of your adventures.
Calvin F. Roff, PhD

calvin roff - January 11 at 04:41 PM