



Doreen Anne Josephine Stenger

June 18, 1963 - July 9, 2020

STENGER, Doreen Anne Josephine, age 57, of Lebanon, passed away Thursday, July 9, 2020 at Bethesda North Hospital.

Doreen earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Cincinnati and worked as a special needs teacher for some time following graduation. She was born to be a life-long learner, always inquisitive and sought to know "why". Over the years, she worked as a writer, artist, and photographer.

Driven, non-judgmental, kind, creative, spiritual, and an inspiration for others, Doreen persevered all her life even though she was often challenged with health issues. She always strived to achieve her personal best in whatever she set out to accomplish, challenging herself to achieve beyond her own expectations. She received great satisfaction in teaching practical skills so that others could be independent. Her mission on Earth was to create, bring joy, and hope to others through her create work. In addition, Doreen experienced great joy in helping others find and express their own creativity. As a truth-seeker, she always sought to know the truth and to speak the truth. She was known to stand up for what was right, especially when others were maligned. She loved and was loved, tried to accept without judgement, and found solace, inspiration, and joy in nature. She was outgoing, yet craved contemplative solitude. Perhaps she will be remembered most by a quote from Doreen herself, "My faith in God's light and love compelled me to keep on trying and to not give in or to give up!"

She was preceded in death by her father Theodore Rape. She is survived by her mother Audrey Rape; four sisters Donna Sharpe, Dianne Rahe, Denise Hammon, and Deborah Wilhelm; one brother Daniel Rape; niece Sarah (Allen) Cousett; nephew Christopher Allen Tekulve; and her uncle Gerald Rape.

Due to the restrictions of COVID-19, the family is planning a service to celebrate Doreen's life in the near future. Additional information will be available when the arrangements have been finalized. Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home in Waynesville is serving the family. In lieu

of flowers, contributions may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and/or the Cancer Support Community in Blue Ash. Condolences at www.stubbsconner.com.

Comments



“ Doreen was a beloved member of the CML family. She was my CML sister.

Doreen would never miss our chats. She was the first to welcome me to the family. Actually, she was the first to welcome every newcomer, telling her story and always asking for theirs. She offered support and unconditional love to everyone. No matter what was going on in her life, she was always there for others.

Doreen sent me a cute handmade friendship card with a wonderful poem and much love this past spring. I will treasure it always.

Rest in Peace, Artwoman. I will always miss you.

Jan - Yesterday at 02:53 PM



“ I was so shocked to see Doreen’s obit listed in the Pulse-Journal. We had heard that she came through the open heart surgery well and was recovering. Doreen was a long-time valued and important member of the Cancer Support Community’s West Chester support group. We will miss her very much.

Please let me know if you have a memorial service that we can attend, and mourn with you the loss of a wonderful friend, a talented and creative woman.

Thank you.
— Vera Long

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Vera Long - July 28 at 07:55 PM



“ Doreen was such a sweet person and an inspiration to others. I knew her from CSC. I will miss her!

Katherine Henry - July 28 at 12:41 PM



“ Dorleen attended our Salem Township Writing Circle as often as her health allowed. Her poetry is beautifully powerful. She had amazing talent. I'll miss her....

Kathy Michelich - July 17 at 06:20 PM



“ I have very fond memories of Doreen in school. She was always very sweet and caring towards everyone she met. I'm so sorry for your loss, but know that she is comforted in heaven and continues to shine on in her spirit.

Tammy Buchanan - July 15 at 08:21 PM



“ Doreen was such a kind, smart person. I have such fond memories of the fun we had together in high school! While we were considered nerds, we embraced the differences and turned them into good times. Whether camping, eating out or just hanging at the mall, she was always good for a smile. I agree with Beth, I am better for having known her. Prayers of peace for her family, but they can rest in the knowledge that she, as a beloved child of God, is in a much better place.

Chelle Precht - July 15 at 05:37 PM



“ Dory was always kind & gentle & she always gave the best hugs ! Love her & will miss her .

Judy Scalese - July 14 at 12:40 PM



“ So sorry to hear. Remember her from East Circle Dr and St Sue. Prayers

Larry Meibers - July 14 at 09:08 AM



“ What an beautiful person. Doreen was always as described in this lovely tribute, even as a teen when she was generous and kind and insightful and brave and successful in meaningful ways that set her apart. I am better for having known her and I'm happy for this world that she was in it. No doubt she is in paradise delighting the heavens with her love and fun. - Beth Cutshaw Andrews

Beth Andrews - July 14 at 08:03 AM



“ To the family of Doreen. Doreen seemed to almost always have a smiling face for everyone no matter what she was going through. She was soft spoken and will be greatly missed by her close friends Denise, Tressa and Wendy. We 3 are celebrating her life. Denise Dawson

Denise Dawson - July 14 at 04:22 AM