



MaryBeth Zea

October 16, 1960 - May 24, 2019

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service for MaryBeth Louise Ostrand Zea, 58, of Little Falls, MN will be Monday, June 17, 2019 at 4 pm at Cragun's Resort on Gull Lake near Brainerd, MN. A visitation for family and friends will begin at 2:30 pm. MaryBeth died peacefully Friday, May 24, 2019 at Quiet Oaks Hospice House, St. Augusta, MN after a two-month illness with advanced melanoma brain cancer. A visitation will also be held Tuesday, June 18, 2019 from 4 to 5:30 pm at the Park Place Apartments Community Room, 505 2nd Ave. SE, Little Falls.

MaryBeth was born Oct. 16, 1960 in Stillwater, MN to Norman and Marlys (Swenson) Ostrand. She attended elementary school in Scandia, MN, followed by junior high school and high school in Forest Lake, MN. MaryBeth is a 1979 graduate of Forest Lake High School, attended Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN, and later graduated from St. Cloud State University with a degree in communications. She married Mike Zea in 1988 and lived in Onamia, MN for many years. They divorced in 2003. She married Mike Jensen of Little Falls, MN on April 23, 2005, in Key West, Florida. Her career included a wide variety of positions: server at the Lowell Inn, Stillwater, MN; reporter/photographer at the Mille Lacs Messenger in Isle, MN; communications/marketing specialist for the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls and the Mille Lacs Health System of Onamia; principal photographer and owner of Silker Studio, Little Falls since 2001; resident manager with Mike of

the 40-unit Park Place Apartments in Little Falls since 2006, and wedding coordinator at Cragun's Resort since 2014. She also enjoyed playing bridge with long time friends in Onamia and Little Falls, domestic and foreign travel, including bed and breakfast outings with Mike, cooking, gardening, cleaning, reading, and substantial seasonal decorating and planting flowers at Park Place. She entered every room with a refreshing smile, enthusiasm, fun energy, spirit, colorful fashion and robust voice.

MaryBeth is survived by her husband, Mike Jensen of Little Falls; mother, Marlys Ostrand of Scandia; brothers Peter (Darla) of Stillwater, and John (Krista) Ostrand of Mahtomedi, plus four nieces she loved immensely, Megan, Nicole, Emily and Natalie. She was preceded in death by her father, Norman Ostrand in 2010, and grandparents, Hilmer and Myrtle Ostrand and Oscar and Hazel Swenson.

Arrangements, including cremation, were by the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Little Falls.

In lieu of flowers, MaryBeth's family requests memorials in her name to St. Gabriel's Hospital Health at Home, Little Falls; St. Cloud Hospital CentraCare Health Foundation, Gorecki Guest House, St. Cloud, or Quiet Oaks Hospice House, St. Augusta.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Cragun's Resort on Gull Lake
11000 Cragun's Drive
Brainerd, MN 56401

Celebration of Life

JUN 17. 4:00 PM (CT)

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11000 Cragun's Drive
Brainerd, MN 56401

Visitation

JUN 18. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Park Place Apartments Community Room
505 2nd Avenue Southeast
Little Falls, MN 56345

Tribute Wall



“ *MaryBeth Zea*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Mary Beth and Mike Z. were very good friends during my time in Onamia. I was so happy that they could find time to come to our wedding all the way down in Grand Meadow. She was always so kind and cheerful. My condolences to Mary and her family.*

Doug Maine - June 10, 2019 at 09:53 PM



“ *MaryBeth and Mike were always so kind to my mother, Jeanette Gerbi. One of the saddest days of her life was when she had to leave them and her friends at the Courtland Apartments. MaryBeth always decorated the building so beautifully. It was a joy to visit there. Linda Lea*



Linda Lea - June 09, 2019 at 08:51 PM



“ *Our heartfelt sympathy to Mike and MaryBeth's family. Our family met MaryBeth and Mike when our Mom, Lu, moved into Park Place Apartments. We loved and still remember and comment on her exceptional seasonal decorating and beautiful flowers. And made more special when she was there to greet you with her big smile.*

Lu Bonemeyer and Family

June A Loscheider - June 05, 2019 at 09:05 PM

PC

“ Mike....I'm so sorry to hear of Mary Beth's passing. She was always such a happy person to be around at conventions! I know you will miss her terribly.

Pam Carlson

Pamela Carlson - June 05, 2019 at 01:23 PM

TP

“ *To the Family of MaryBeth,*

MaryBeth and the Ostrand family are very important to the Peterson's. We grew up together and share so many childhood memories.

: Spending time in Copas on the tree swing in Myrtle's yard.

: Watching MaryBeth and her Grandma make little loaves of bread together.

: Going to Hazel's house for cookies after our Sunday School Christmas programs.

: Sharing many meals at our parents homes and the fun times together.

: During our teen years, growing in our faith and friendship as members of Elim Youth Group.

I will remember MaryBeth as a wonderful friend and person who excelled in every aspect of her life. We are so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort knowing she is now safely in the hands of Jesus.

Love, Todd Peterson and family

Todd Peterson - June 03, 2019 at 10:55 PM

BM

“ H&R Block Onamia and Cambridge location want to Express our deepest sympathy to Mike and Marybeths Family. Marybeth was always full of life. She will be missed!

Bobbie Marquardt



Bobbie Marquardt - May 30, 2019 at 09:39 PM

JR

“ Our sympathy to Mike and to MaryBeth's family! She was a dear friend and an example of how to live life to the fullest--a real inspiration in many ways! Her spirit, big smile and hearty laugh will forever be missed! Rod & Jan Roering



Jan Roering - May 30, 2019 at 01:43 PM

JK

“ A beautiful soul has fluttered away. She was a warm, caring and energetic person. She will be missed.



Judi Kosbau - May 29, 2019 at 10:20 PM

JJ

“ Jeff And Gayle Jacobson lit a candle in memory of MaryBeth Zea



Jeff and Gayle Jacobson - May 29, 2019 at 03:12 PM

JJ

“ *Mike, our condolences go out to you and Mary Beth's family. I loved working with Mary Beth. Her energy and great smile could brighten anyone's day.*



Jerry & Karen Jacobson - May 29, 2019 at 12:23 PM

BD

“ *Brian Dahl lit a candle in memory of MaryBeth Zea*



Brian Dahl - May 28, 2019 at 10:17 AM

MG

“ *Melissa Gerads lit a candle in memory of MaryBeth Zea*



Melissa Gerads - May 28, 2019 at 09:55 AM

SR

“ *So sorry to the family of Mary Beth. She was so full of life.*
Ed and Sandy Richmond



Sandy and Ed Richmond - May 27, 2019 at 11:37 PM

RF

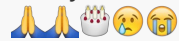
“ Rick Fisher lit a candle in memory of MaryBeth Zea



Rick Fisher - May 27, 2019 at 06:31 PM

RF

Mary Beth was just always a ray of sunshine! She was always happy and the energy she had made you feel that too. My condolences to the family. I knew her mother and both brothers. A very nice family to know.



Rick Fisher - May 27, 2019 at 06:33 PM

SN

“ Sandy Nelson lit a candle in memory of MaryBeth Zea



Sandy Nelson - May 27, 2019 at 09:24 AM

JP

“ JIM PANCAKE lit a candle in memory of MaryBeth Zea



JIM PANCAKE - May 26, 2019 at 11:05 PM

DZ

“ *Diane Zalasin lit a candle in memory of MaryBeth Zea*



Diane Zalasin - May 26, 2019 at 10:41 PM

DS

“ *Don & Lynn St.Onge lit a candle in memory of MaryBeth Zea*



Don & Lynn St.Onge - May 25, 2019 at 03:24 PM

TM

“ *Tom And Barb Miller lit a candle in memory of MaryBeth Zea*



Tom and Barb Miller - May 25, 2019 at 12:39 PM

MR

“ *Mary Jo Retka lit a candle in memory of MaryBeth Zea*



Mary Jo Retka - May 25, 2019 at 10:46 AM

PF

“ *Heaven will shine brighter now that Mary Beth is there. Her passion for life and brilliant smile will truly be missed. She was a special person and will be missed always.*

Patty Fortier - May 25, 2019 at 08:33 AM

TT

“ *Tate And Kathi Tetrick lit a candle in memory of MaryBeth Zea*



Tate and Kathi Tetrick - May 25, 2019 at 12:13 AM

BR

“ *Mary Beth - energy, that is what comes to my mind when I think of her. And helpful. I am so sorry for your loss and all of our loss of this wonderful woman.*

brigid - May 24, 2019 at 11:04 PM

JW

“ *Jerry & Faye Waltman lit a candle in memory of MaryBeth Zea*



Jerry & Faye Waltman - May 24, 2019 at 10:11 PM

RQ

Mary Beth you were an awesome person to grow up with in Scandia and classmate at Forest Lake. You were always so positive about everything in life.

Richard Quigley - May 28, 2019 at 10:34 PM

SK

The Franciscan Sisters send deepest sympathy to Mike and all those who knew and loved her. She was a bright light during her time of employment with the Sisters.

Sister Cordy Korkowski - June 18, 2019 at 10:42 AM