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Dr. Elizabeth M. Andrew, a Memphis pediatrician for 23 years, died at home on Monday, April 6th after a courageous battle with cancer. In addition to being a strong advocate for children and adolescents and their health and wellbeing, Beth was an avid gardener, maintaining plots at Shelby Farms in Memphis for many years as well as cultivating prolific home gardens. She was also a long-time member of the Memphis Symphony Chorus and an accomplished photographer, knitter and runner. Beth competed in road races across the country, completing numerous half and full marathons, including the Boston Marathon in 2006. Beth was born in New York City on December 6, 1950 and moved with her family to Easthampton, MA in 1953. She was a 1968 graduate of Northampton School for Girls and a 1972 graduate of Reed College in Portland, OR. Beth then moved to Cambridge, MA, where she met her lifelong companion, Thad Nowak, from Atchison, KS. Beth received a Master of Nutritional Science degree from Cornell University in 1977 and, after working for three years at the Tufts New England Medical Center, she entered New York University School of Medicine, receiving her Doctor of Medicine degree in 1984. After completing residency at the University of North Carolina's Memorial Hospital, Beth practiced pediatrics in Silver Spring, MD before moving to Memphis in 1992. Here, she joined Memphis Children's Clinic, where she continued to practice until shortly before her death. Beth is pre-deceased by her father, Dr. E. Donald Andrew of Easthampton, MA and survived by her mother, Dorothy H. Andrew of Northampton, MA. Besides Thad Nowak, of Memphis, she leaves six loving siblings and their spouses: Thomas A. Andrew and Katherine R. Bick of Pawtucket, RI; Susan L. Andrew and Leonard J. Cleary, Jr. of Dickinson, TX; Julia Andrew Emerson and Matthew C. Emerson of Amherst, MA; Douglas E. Andrew of Florence, MA; Bruce A. Andrew of Easthampton, MA; and Margaret E. Harris and John F. Harris of Kahului, HI. Beth is also the beloved aunt of seventeen nieces and nephews. She will also be



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sorely missed by her two wonderful cats, Diego and Mercedes. Memorial contributions in honor of Dr. Andrew may be directed to Youth Villages or Methodist Hospice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN 38119, "Behind the Stone Wall."



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NS

Natasha Blackburn-Spencer posted:

Sorry to hear of Dr. Andrews passing she was a great doctor. She was my now 26 yr old, my 22 yr old and my 13 yr old doctor. She took great care of them. Great bed side manners. She will be greatly missed!

January 11 at 9:53 AM

EC

Ericka Covington posted:

I'm a former employee of Memphis Children's Clinic and worked with Dr. Andrew for 7yrs. Words cannot describe the gratitude and appreciation that I have for you. You taught me a lot that I continue to use today. Even at my current job when I saw you I would light up and you welcomed me with open arms at each visit. You will forever be missed. Ericka Covington

April 15 at 4:31 PM

CH

Carolyn, Harris, And Charles Harris posted:

Carolyn, Harris, and Charles Harris purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Elizabeth Andrew.

April 15 at 12:47 PM

GC

Gayla Cullipher posted:

Sweet Dr. Andrew. So sorry for your loss of a beautiful soul! Gayla Cullipher

April 15 at 6:13 AM

GC

Gayla Cullipher posted:

I also worked many years ago at Memphis Children's Clinic with Dr. Andrew. She was a favorite of mine. She was an excellent doctor and friend. Her patients loved her just as she did all of them. I was so saddened to here of her passing.

April 14 at 11:42 AM



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Renee posted:

I worked at Memphis Childrens Clinic many years.....She was a beautiful person and mentor. I was to meet with her on Wednesday April 8th.....2pm.....My husband and I traveled from Apollo Beach, Florida a little too late.....Peace and sincerest sympathy to the family. She loved and was loved by everyone that had the opportunity to know her in any capacity.....

April 13 at 4:32 PM



Susan Andrew posted:

The following was written to Bethie the night before she died. I did not know at the time that she wanted her ashes to be scattered on Cape Cod. 4/4/15 Dear Bethie, I want you to know that you are a wonderful woman and person. You have touched the lives of so many people that you are simply incredible. You do not deserve to have deteriorated to the husk that you are now. You have had so much courage and fortitude to get this far with as much equanimity as you have. If there is a heaven, you will be going there. If there is an afterlife, you will be in the best possible place. I envision you settling on a beautiful small farm on Cape Cod with a seaside view and a perfect garden in the back of the house with a rosebush hedge to separate the house from the street. Your legacy is also this beautiful home that you have created with your incredible blueberry bushes and lovely landscaping. You are also leaving behind a wonderful man who has loved you and supported you through all these trying times. Your cats are beautiful and will look after Thad. Thad has a good family who will also look after him. You have a mother, brothers and sisters who will miss you sorely. We wish that you have not had to suffer. We love you. Please say hello to all the people that we know in heaven when you get there. Love, Susie

April 11 at 5:53 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Elizabeth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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