



Emily Ann Thomas MD

November 5, 1968 - April 18, 2013

Dr. Emily Ann Thomas died April 18 at the age of 44 surrounded by her loving family. Emily is survived by her husband, Dr. Eric Hoenig, her dear twins, Jacob and Noah, and her parents, Drs. John and Mariamma Thomas. Emily was particularly close to her sisters, Susy DiCello and Louisa Thomas Parrish, with whom she shared a daily three-way phone call. She was also a beloved sister-in-law and favorite Auntie to her many nieces and nephews.

Raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Emily met Eric as undergraduates at Case Western Reserve University. They continued together to Columbus, Ohio where they received their medical degrees at Ohio State University. They then moved to California where Emily began her career as an Internal Medicine physician. After her twins were born, Emily opened Light Touch Medical Spa in Benicia, thus fusing her medical practice with her artistic sensibilities to bring out the best in her patients. In doing so, she became an adored champion of downtown businesses and a pillar of the Benicia community.

She was actively involved in the Cancer Community of Walnut Creek, deriving much strength from her support group there. Many know Emily as a walker and counted on seeing her megawatt smile around town as she trained with dog Mowgli for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure walk. She completed the walk in support of a friend with breast cancer and again after her own diagnosis.

A memorial service and celebration of Emily's life will be held Tuesday, April 23, 4 pm at the Jefferson Street Mansion, 1063 Jefferson Street, Benicia, CA 94510. Parking is limited and carpools are encouraged.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Support Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek, CA 94597 (925) 933-0107 www.cancersupport.net; or towards a fund for a bench in her honor near the Benicia waterfront. Emily had shared with close friends that she would like to have a place along the walking trail overlooking the Carquinez Strait for her family to commune with her and with nature. Any funds remaining after the bench has been purchased will go towards a college fund for Emily's sons, Jacob and Noah. Donations can be sent to Emily Thomas Memorial Fund (c/o Eric Hoenig, 580 West I Street, Benicia, CA 94510 or directly to Bank of America with account info to follow). Please direct questions to the Passalacqua Funeral Chapel.

Tribute Wall



“ *Emily Ann Thomas MD*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Noah lit a candle in memory of Emily Ann Thomas MD*



noah - October 17, 2019 at 02:05 AM



“ *Beth Garfinkel lit a candle in memory of Emily Ann Thomas MD*



Beth Garfinkel - February 05, 2014 at 06:01 PM



“ *Beth Garfinkel lit a candle in memory of Emily Ann Thomas MD*



Beth Garfinkel - October 09, 2013 at 10:08 PM



“ *Emily - I just found out that the world has lost a beautiful soul...you were a sweet and wonderful woman with an empathetic heart. I am thankful I knew you and will think of you often...thank you for helping me in my moment of need.*

Beth Garfinkel - October 09, 2013 at 10:08 PM

JS

“ *John Muir Concord A3 Staff lit a candle in memory of Emily Ann Thomas MD*



John Muir Concord A3 Staff - April 27, 2013 at 05:22 PM

ST

“ *Stingrays Board and Swim Team purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Emily Ann Thomas MD.*



Stingrays Board and Swim Team - April 23, 2013 at 12:15 PM

CF

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Emily's departure from this world. May the Lord who gave His life for us comfort and keep you in this time of loss.*

*Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you
1Peter 5:7*

Chennankara Family - April 22, 2013 at 09:25 PM

JT

Dear Johnykutty, Bevela & Charles, Bevin & Anu, Berty & Lydia, Thank you so much for your phone call and the words of comfort. yes, we can depend on the promises in the word of God. We thank God for extending Emily's life for four years, a definite answer to many saints prayers. Thank you for your love and prayers. We love you very much. God bless you. Molly and Johnny

John Thomas - May 06, 2013 at 11:42 AM

PM

“ Having gone through elementary and junior high school together, I was blessed by her friendship. She will be deeply missed. I pray for Emily and her family.

*Pam Manke
Parma, OH*

Pam Manke - April 21, 2013 at 07:27 PM

CA

*“ My deepest condolences to Emily's family. I remember her as the most beautiful, sweet girl as a freshman at Case in 1986. Her's was the most gorgeous smile. Peace to her and her precious loved ones she has left too soon.
Chandra Roy Altemare, MD CWRU Class1990*



Chandra Roy Altemare - April 21, 2013 at 03:26 PM



“ Exotic Grace was purchased for the family of Emily Ann Thomas MD.



April 20, 2013 at 11:30 AM



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April 20, 2013 at 11:29 AM



“ *Aileen lit a candle in memory of Emily Ann Thomas MD*



Aileen - April 19, 2013 at 10:01 PM