



Kristen Westbrock

September 6, 1972 - January 28, 2023

Kristen Higman Westbrock, 50, of Mt. Lebanon, died Saturday, January 28, 2023, with her family by her side after a short illness of pancreatic cancer. She was the mother of Molly and Van, sister of Sonja York of Detroit, daughter of Herb and Betty Higman of Aurora Colorado and partner of Steve Ludwig. She was close with her in-laws Bonnie and Tom VanKirk and with her large extended family in Pittsburgh.

She loved her son and daughter and enjoyed her many friends throughout the years.

Kristen was an adventurous soul with a love for life. She grew up in Denver and attended Colorado Mountain College. Moving to Alaska, she lived in a tent and worked in a Salmon factory. She worked on a pipeline in Montana and at a ski resort in Colorado. She loved Iceland and traveled with her children to many places for outdoor experiences including the U.S. National Parks, Puerto Rico, and Costa Rica. While raising her children she worked as a landscaper and at Willi's Ski and Snowboard Shop. She was excited about plans to camp in Scandinavia this spring, vacation at the beach house and make a return trip to Alaska. We will miss her smile, her laughter and her generous spirit.

We would like to thank the nurses and doctors at West Penn AHN for their care and compassion during her illness.

Burial will be private with a celebration of life planned for a later date.
Professional services trusted to THOMAS M. SMITH FUNERAL HOME &
CREMATORY LTD.,
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Tribute Wall



“ *Kristen Westbrook*

October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



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October 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM