

DENISE TERWILLIGER LEGACY FUND



Denise Terwilliger
1967—2017

A life lived, a life loved, a life that touched many in a profound way. Denise Terwilliger was taken from this world too soon. She was a devoted wife, mother, sister, and daughter who was completely dedicated to her family and her friends. She let faith guide her actions and trusted God with her life's journey. Denise's life was not easy. She lost a precious baby boy to cancer, and bravely fought cancer herself. However, you would never hear her complain. Denise was the most kind, compassionate, caring person you could imagine.

Born and raised in Midland, Michigan, Denise graduated from Midland Dow High in 1986. She graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in science and later received an associate's degree in nursing from Mid Michigan Community College. Denise married Michael Terwilliger on August 26, 1994 in Midland. She was employed as a registered nurse at Central



Michigan Community Hospital and also at the medical office of Dr. Larry Bennett. She was an active member of Sacred Heart Parish and served on the Sacred Heart Academy School Board. She coached track at SHA and was an advocate of the March For Life in Washington, D.C., having marched five times.

Denise's greatest achievement was her family. Her life revolved around her girls. She spent countless hours not only watching her daughters' sporting events, but coaching them as well. A kind-hearted woman, Denise was always the first to lend a hand to someone in need, or be an advocate for someone less fortunate. When she left this

world, she left a space which can never be filled. Her family—with a boost from members of the SHA School Board—created the Denise Terwilliger Legacy Fund to benefit tuition assistance at Sacred Heart Academy. Catholic education was important to Denise, and through this endowed fund, her commitment to Christian values will benefit other families. Denise's husband, Michael, and her four daughters—Riley, Hadyn, Anna, and Karis—made the fund official in 2018.



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