

LISA MARIE FREDERICKS ASSISTANCE FUND



Dr. Lisa Marie Fredericks

9.3.1972 — 4.10.2021

Although she departed this world far too soon, Lisa Marie Fredericks left a lasting impact everywhere she went, and on anyone she encountered, humans and pets alike.

The firstborn of three daughters to Karen (a high school English teacher) and Arthur Fredericks (an electronics technician at the local university), Lisa was adored by her parents, sisters, grandparents, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and clients.

Before she started elementary school, Lisa expressed interest in becoming a veterinarian when she grew up. On her first day of kindergarten, she insisted on going into the school building on her own. And go in without any parental assistance is what she did. She never looked back. . . that moment is so descriptive of how she approached so much of her life. By the time she graduated from the Academy in 1990, she was clearly focused on becoming a veterinarian. Lisa worked very hard to realize her dream. She attended Central Michigan University where she earned her

Pre-Veterinary Biology degree, then went on to Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine where she obtained her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree in 1998.

Lisa absolutely loved being a veterinarian and it showed. She moved to Colorado and worked at the Broomfield Veterinary Hospital in Broomfield, Colorado for more than 20 years, from 1999 until the time of her passing. As a DVM, she excelled at building rapport with the animals *and* their owners. Her compassion and commitment were endless, with many people reporting she was "like part of their family".

In her early days, Lisa found that she enjoyed running when she participated in road races with her father and the Mt. Pleasant Striders. Years later, Lisa became an avid runner and competed in countless road races and marathons. She enjoyed it and the many friends she made along the way. She also enjoyed reading and always had a thirst for knowledge. In her free time, Lisa enjoyed listening to podcasts, attending concerts with her sisters and friends, cooking, and cross-stitching. Her cats were her faithful companions and the subjects of much humor.

She absolutely loved living in Colorado, but Lisa always called Michigan her home. She had a relationship with her nieces and nephews which was beyond special. Time spent with Lisa was always memorable, even if nothing out of the ordinary was happening. Lisa would often say, "I love my life." She shared so much of herself with so many, and they with her. Lisa's commitment to others was firm.

When Lisa died of fast-growing colon cancer in 2021, family and friends established the *Lisa Marie Fredericks Assistance Fund* with tribute gifts given in her memory. The endowed fund produces earnings for a tuition assistance award at Sacred Heart Academy each year, allowing Lisa's genuine and helpful nature to live in perpetuity.



For further information about the **Lisa Marie Fredericks Assistance Fund** or other Named Funds, contact the SHA Foundation at SHAFoundation@sha.net.

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