



Obituary

Born: Friday, April 23, 1965

Died: Saturday, March 25, 2017

Joann (Klappholz) Totten

Joann Totten, 51, of Walpole, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 25, at her home surrounded by her family following a courageous battle with cancer. Joann was the beloved wife of Glenn Totten and devoted mother to daughters Mei and Lia Totten.

Born April 23, 1965 in Far Rockaway, New York, Joann graduated from Maloney High School (Meriden CT) in 1983 and Eastern Connecticut State University (Windham, CT) in 1987. On May 29, 1992, Joann began her life journey in St. Thomas, USVI where she and Glenn were united in marriage.

Joann began her career as a Radiation Therapist at Brigham and Women's Dana Farber Cancer Institute, a field she entered to honor the memory of her grandmother. Joann was dedicated and passionate about her profession and would spend the next 18 years caring for others. She took tremendous pride in the care of her patients and was honored to work with a dedicated team of professionals that shared her passion for giving. Ironically, it would be these same professionals that would come to her aid to help her face her own battle against her disease.

Joann was a tremendously caring and giving person and nowhere was that love and devotion more apparent than in her daughters Mei and Lia. Joann was so proud to be their mother and to provide her girls with a foundation of love and a strong sense of family as she watched them grow into the beautiful young women they are today. One of her greatest joys was the opportunity to return to China on a family trip to visit her daughters' birthplace last spring; a memory that will last a lifetime for Glenn and their girls.

Joann will always be remembered for her courage and dignity; the inspiration she portrayed, and the appreciation for all the caring people that made her journey home a lesson in love and humanity. We will miss her beautiful smile and that special something that she shared with those that knew her.

Along with her husband Glenn, daughters Mei and Lia, Joann is survived by her parents Bruce and Linda Klappholz of Mattapoisett, MA, her brother Douglas Klappholz, his wife Catherine and their children Jakub and Chloe of Vancouver, WA and her mother-in-law Patricia Peterson of Dennisport, MA and also survived by many relatives and close friends. Visiting Hours: will be held Thursday evening from 4:00 - 8:00 at the Alexander F. Thomas & Sons Funeral Home, 45 Common St., WALPOLE. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday morning at 10 at Blessed Sacrament Church, Walpole. Relatives and friends invited. Interment at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the "Totten Strong Fund" to help

Service Summary

Visitation

4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Thu Mar 30, 2017

Alexander Thomas and Sons Funeral Home, Walpole, MA

45 Common Street
Walpole, MA 02081

Mass of Christian Burial

10:00 AM Fri Mar 31, 2017

Blessed Sacrament Church

10 Diamond Street
Walpole, MA 02081

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with future educational expenses for her daughters Mei and Lia. Checks can be made payable to Totten Strong Fund and sent to Rockland Federal Credit Union, 564 Main Street Walpole, MA 02081

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