



Amy Branigin

October 6, 1963 - August 23, 2012

Amy Weingartner Branigin died August 23, 2012, at her parents' home from complications for treatment of brain cancer. She was born October 6, 1963, in Long Beach, California, the daughter of David Lawrence Weingartner and Carol Morris Weingartner, who survive. She is also survived by a son, Eric Branigin, 11; a brother, Peter J. Weingartner of San Jose, California; a dear friend and former husband John Branigin of Bloomington; and friend William Pratt, whose devotion and humor sustained her during her illness. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Georgia Morris of Crawfordsville. Amy was a graduate of Severn School in Severna Park, Maryland, and St. Mary's College of Southern Maryland, where she studied Art and Design. She made several trips to Europe to study Gothic cathedrals, and used her artistic talents to design her own home and complete many of its interior and exterior design elements herself. She had been employed by American Express Travel in Annapolis, Maryland, as a travel and financial agent; by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington DC as a graphic artist; and, at the time of her illness, by CMS Industries in Bloomington, also as a graphic artist. For several years she volunteered at Bloomington Montessori School, where she compiled and designed the monthly newsletter, as well as the annual yearbook. She had enjoyed spelunking since she was a child, helping

her father with his Ph.D. research in cave fauna. For many years she supported Bat Conservation International as well as other environmental causes. She had extensive scientific knowledge of the natural world and a deep love and appreciation for plants and animals, which she shared with children on classroom nature walks. Amy found her greatest fulfillment, however, in being a mother to her son. Her wry sense of humor, her beautiful smile, great curiosity and joy in life will be missed by her family and many friends. An informal open house to celebrate Amy's life will be held October 6 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the home of her parents, 4410 Inverness Crest, Bloomington. Friends will gather at 3 p.m. to share memories and stories of Amy.

Tribute Wall

KH

“ I went to St. Mary's with Amy and had some of the funniest fun times of my college years with her. She was two years older than me and we both lived in Queen Anne Dorm. I remember her vividly and fondly and I'm very sorry for your loss.

Kathy Pugh Hessler - October 26, 2015 at 04:16 PM

KI

“ Amy,
I have known since our itty bitty magical days at Donley Elementary. We used to have such a great childhood together. When you moved, I was crushed, but we stayed in touch through the years.

I saw you 2 years ago and figured I would see you again soon. You apologized for not being around much, so I assumed life just carried us away for a while. I popped in to say hi, and you're now gone. I miss you so much.

Love to your mom, dad, Peter and Eric. Love you forever Amy.
~Kim Miller,

Kimberly Miller - October 26, 2015 at 04:16 PM

GM

“ I only knew Amy for a few short months when I was living and working in Bloomington last year. I appreciated her sense of humour, as well as her incredible work ethic. I was so sad to hear about her passing. My sincere condolences to Eric and all who loved her.

Gerry Matthews - October 26, 2015 at 04:16 PM

TR

“ I was very sad to hear the news about Amy. I had the pleasure to work with her at American Express in the 90's. My maiden name was Zadera and my nick name at AX was Casey. We all loved Amy she was so sweet and very Artistic. I enjoyed working with her and am deeply saddened for your loss. I also have 10 year old twins, I can't imagine how her son Eric must feel. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Take care of each other -Tracy

Tracy Kruk - October 26, 2015 at 04:16 PM

KE

“ Condolences to the family and friends. Amy was an inspiration, a spark of life and love - something that was evident as early as Jr. High and High School where we met. She'll remain a vibrant spirit in the hearts and minds of all she touched over the years.

Kevin Spruill - October 26, 2015 at 04:16 PM

LP

“ My prayers go out to her son and loved ones. I know she will be missed by many with her dry quick witted sense of humor she made many smile including myself on many occasions. I was happy to reconnect with her through facebook and find that she was the same person (we knew in HS) with her funny, witty comments that still made me laugh. She was a neat person with many facets that made her interesting and fun. Rest in peace Amy!

Laurie Staufenberger Parr - October 26, 2015 at 04:16 PM

HA

“ I am very sad to hear the news about Amy. We graduated from Severn School together, class of 1981. I remember her as full of life and joy. My thoughts are with her family.

Ham Tyler - October 26, 2015 at 04:16 PM

BA

“ I'm so sorry to hear this news. I had the pleasure of knowing Amy from helping her a few times over the years with mortgage financing. She was easy to get to know and I always enjoyed talking to her. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Barbara, United Commerce Bank

Barbara Joseph - October 26, 2015 at 04:16 PM

AL

“ I'm sending thoughts and prayers to you in this difficult time. I went to St. Mary's College with Amy for 3 years.
God Bless you.
Alex

Alexandra Langtry - October 26, 2015 at 04:16 PM