



Mrs. Tamara "Tammy" J. Basten

May 29, 1955 - March 9, 2023

Tamara Jean (Ellis) Basten was born in Plymouth, Wisconsin in May, 1955. She met her future husband, Al, on a blind date and married him in Green Bay in June, 1977. For over 25 years, she and Al lived in Madison before moving back to Green Bay to be closer to family. After a brief but courageous battle with cancer, she died on March 9, 2023 in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Many who knew Tammy know that she was one of the hardest working and selfless people. She earned an associate's degree in accounting at NWTC and throughout her career, she diligently served numerous clients, eventually taking over the accounting work for the family business. She touched so many people throughout her life, and cared for each person individually, always asking what she could do for them.

Traveling throughout the United States was one of Tammy's goals and she successfully visited 48 states with Al throughout their marriage, missing only Utah and Wyoming. She also enjoyed knitting ("yarning" as Al liked to jest with her), gifting generously, and decorating her home with her ever-growing collection of mice!

Tammy was solidly grounded in her faith and love of Jesus. She had so much love and wisdom that she gave freely, and a great sense of humor while making everyone around her feel special and worthy. She enjoyed finding

inspirational quotes that helped to center her thoughts and focus her intentions in life. She always reminded us that there is a greater plan, even if we do not understand it, and to always live our lives to the fullest today.

Family was the center of Tammy's life, whether they were near or far, biological or not. Tammy was preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Carol Ellis. She is survived by her loving husband and best friend, Al Basten; 3 young men they considered as sons, Todd (Amy) Fischer, Craig (Marsha) Heuer, Richard (Leslie) Marks; siblings Gwenn (David) Tremble and David (Becky) Ellis; siblings-in-law Janice (Ronald) Cavil and Roxanne (Richard) Vincent; Many nieces , nephews, great nieces, and grand-children that had the good fortune of receiving Tammy's love, care and being held in her cuddly arms; A host of great friends that were family; and many loved Pals and foster sons.

Please join us as we celebrate Tammy's life on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Celebration Church, 3475 Humboldt Road in Green Bay. Visitation will begin at 9:00am, with a celebration of life service at 11:00am. Tammy will be buried at Riverside Cemetery in Appleton. For those of you who knew and loved Tammy, she had too many allergies to enjoy flowers, so in lieu of flowers, all donations will go towards the Give-A-Kid-A-Book Green Bay Program in Tammy's name as she believed in "giving back" and loved reading and playing with children.

A special "Thank You" to the Bellin Staff for all of your care and loving support.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Celebration Church
3475 Humboldt Road
Green Bay, WI 54311

Celebration Of Life

MAR 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

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3475 Humboldt Road
Green Bay, WI 54311

Tribute Wall

JO

“ AL, I am shocked and saddened to hear of Tammy's passing. She was such a joy to work with and I so loved the days she came into our office to help me with the bookwork. We had so many laughs together. I miss those days for sure and was sad when your moved up north for my own selfish reasons. Hugs to you and those that she held close to her heart. She was a special gal for sure. Joanne Eveland p.s. I hope you go visit those last two states.

Joanne - March 17, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tamara "Tammy" J. Basten.



March 17, 2023 at 12:12 PM

BS

“ Dear Al, we are very sorry about the death of your beautiful, loving wife. I miss working with you at Paul's Pantry. May God Bless You. Sincerely from Jim and Bonnie Sitar.

bonnie sitar - March 16, 2023 at 02:05 PM

MD

“ Al & Family - I was so surprised and sorry to read of Tammy's passing. While I was a "blip" in your lives as you moved from Madison back to Green Bay over 10 years ago, you captured her essence in the obituary and what I remembered about her. And the mice! Her laughter, warmth, and organization are top of mind as I remember her. Both of you were a joy to connect with and I just wanted you to know that you're in my heart & prayers as you navigate the days to come. God bless you and your whole family.
Mary Duff
Madison

Mary Duff - March 15, 2023 at 09:16 AM

LS

Al, Ken and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of your loving wife. Even though we are far away, our thoughts and prayers are always with you. Much love. Ken and Leslie Sharkey.

Leslie sharkey - March 16, 2023 at 12:24 PM