Lisa M. Serwa

(November 11, 1965 - August 31, 2011)

Lisa M. Serwa, age 45, of Winona, MN, died on Wednesday, August 31, 2011, at her home surrounded by her family. Lisa had a long and brave fight with cancer that she fought head on and was able to do so with the help of her family and friends.

Lisa was born on November 11, 1965, in Winona, MN, to Gerald and Juanita (Dzwonkowski) Serwa. She worked in the Bookstore at Winona State University and volunteered for the Winona County Humane Society as a dog walker. Lisa was a member of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and was also a member and served as a union steward of ASCME.

She loved to vacation at Algoma, WI, in Door County, where she would salmon fish and sightsee with family and friends. She had a great love for animals and especially loved her Westie, Lucy Lu. She would put Lucy in her bike basket and they would ride around Lake Winona together. Lisa also enjoyed going to the theatre and plays. She always had a smile and put others first. Lisa had many friends that she met along her life’s journey and was a wonderful daughter, sister, aunt, and godmother to Isabella and special nephew and niece Jack and Aubrie.

Lisa is survived by her mother, Juanita Serwa, Winona, MN; life-long partner, Paul Martin, Winona, MN; brother, Jeff (Pam) Serwa, Winona, MN; sisters, Linda Serwa, Tammy (Steve) Musta and Amy (Jason) Fann, all of Winona, MN; nieces and nephews, Aaron (Lindsay) Serwa, Brandon (Angie) Serwa, Kyle Serwa, Jack and Aubrie Musta and Isabella Fann; special friends, Sharon and Dave Martin; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, as well as other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father and her beloved Westie, Lucy Lu.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 1:30 PM, on Sunday, September 4, 2011, at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

The Reverend Thomas J. Hargesheimer will officiate.

Lisa will be laid to rest in St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 5:30 PM until 8 PM, on Saturday, September 3, 2011, at the Watkowski-Mulyck Funeral Home, where Monsignor Roy E. Literski will lead a Christian Wake Service at 7:30 PM. Visitation will also be held at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, on Sunday, September 4, 2011, from 12:30 PM until 1:15 PM.

Pallbearers will be Aaron Serwa, Brandon Serwa, Kyle Serwa, Mike Pozanc, Mike Christensen and Steve “Boomer” Zolondek.

Memorials may be to directed to the Winona Humane Society or to Join the Journey, 1530 Greenview Drive SW, Suite 212, Rochester, MN 55901 (www.info@jointhejourney.us)

Entrusted to our care – Watkowski-Mulyck Funeral Home.