



Tracy Claire Yoshikawa D'Errico

January 11, 1988 - May 6, 2020

Tracy Claire Yoshikawa D'Errico, 32, of Raleigh, NC, passed away on May 6, 2020 after a yearlong battle with liposarcoma. She was the daughter of David and Ruth Yoshikawa. Tracy was born January 11, 1988 in Michigan and was originally from Kalamazoo, Michigan before moving to North Carolina. She was a lover of sports and all things outdoors including both the beach and the mountains. She especially loved Soccer.

Tracy attended Albion College in Albion, Michigan, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education with an Athletic Training major. Tracy worked as an athletic trainer and was a member of the National Athletic Training Association. She obtained her Masters in Exercise and Sports Science with a concentration in Sports Management at East Carolina University (ECU). Upon graduation, Tracy joined the ECU staff full-time as the women's soccer athletic trainer. Tracy then joined NC State as an Athletic Trainer in the spring of 2016 where she cared for the Women's Soccer team.

Tracy married Christopher D'Errico May 18th, 2019. They had a lovely wedding in Lake Lure, NC surrounded by friends and family. Tracy was a determined individual. She persevered through difficult times. She was a fighter, never giving up. Her friends were like family to her. They said that Tracy had a beautiful smile, was loyal, very exuberant, determined, a bright light, selfless, and had a heart of gold. Tracy was loved by so many and will be missed by all.

Tracy's life will forever be cherished in the lives of her husband, Chris; her beloved dogs, Genki and Clyde; her parents, Ruth and David; brother, Torey; and a host of other family, friends, and colleagues.

A private memorial service will be held for immediate family. If you'd like to make a donation to honor Tracy, please consider UNC Lineberger Cancer Center, <https://unclineberger.org/giving/honor-a-loved-one/>

Comments



“ Tracy was an absolutely beautiful soul. My heart is broken for her, her husband, family, friends, and co-workers. She brought light into every room she entered with her radiant smile and personality. I'm so grateful to have had the time with her I did, and know her spirit will live on in all the lives she touched. Keeping you all in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers

Alex Thompson - May 15 at 10:44 AM



“ To Chris and the Yoshikawa family, our hearts are broken to have to say goodbye so soon. You were so very special! May your bright smile, love for life, passion for athletic training and soccer, humble servant attitude never be forgotten. Rest in peace knowing that you were deeply loved, Tracy.

Carol and Bob Moss - May 14 at 12:21 PM



“ Tracy and I went to high school together. She had a bubbly personality and an infectious smile. Her light will be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go to her family. Rest In Peace Tracy

Lilly (Reeves) Olsen - May 11 at 09:46 PM



“ The Pack Swim and Dive Team wants to honor Tracy through a donation to UNC Lineberger. Though Tracy was not our trainer she would always help no matter what. We loved Tracy for her positivity, kindness, relentlessness, determination, and her smile! She will always be remembered and we are all forever grateful for her. Keeping you all in our thoughts.

NCSU Swim and Dive Team - May 11 at 07:33 PM



“ Tracy and I were in Japanese class together at Albion, and we lived together in the International House my sophomore year. Tracy was always trying to find something to smile about, even if she was having a bad day. She was truly a joy to be around, and I know how much she'll be missed by her friends and family.

Sam Strasser - May 11 at 02:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tracy Claire Yoshikawa D'Errico.



May 11 at 10:01 AM



“ Tracy, I don't know where to start... Maybe with a huge THANK YOU for impacting me a much as you have and for always being there for me when I needed it the most!

As most of you know, I was a track and field athlete who I battled with major injuries and health issues in college and somehow I always ended up in the training room... Who would ever think it would lead me to this beautiful, down to earth, REAL person that always knew the right things to say and when you really needed a person to talk to!

From the countless injuries, to school work, relationship issues and real life issues...You always were there! (Even though you weren't actually my athletic trainer) I swear you had some super power and just knew when it was the right time to check in!

Our last conversation I had with you was at Raleigh Relays my 5th year of college, where you were now the new NC State women's soccer athletic trainer. I didn't even think I would run into you that day since of your spring season, but you found me and surprised me!

As you always knew when to check in... you found me sitting down behind the NC State throwing shed (which honestly was super secluded) stressing out about school, feeling unbelievably overwhelmed, contemplating my next life steps, applying for internships and jobs and the list goes on...

You could tell when you came up to surprise me that I needed someone that day! Right away, you sat down on the ground next to me and asked "Sooo... what's up, I know there's something!?". You knew and instantly gave me confidence and peace.

You told me that we aren't perfect and it's ok to feel the way we feel at times! The goal is to take things on one step at a time and chip away at the things that we can control and let go of the things we can't. Life is created and will play out the way it should.

I can't even imagine what it would have been like without you through that time and I can only cherish and reminisce on our conversations and moments that will now rest

in our hearts together!

Tracy I hope you Rest In Peace and I know for a fact that your spirit will live on forever.

Already missing you !
Tracy Yoshikawa D'Errico

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Lauren Lubarski ECU.TF Athlete - May 11 at 09:32 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tracy Claire Yoshikawa D'Errico.



May 11 at 09:19 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tracy Claire Yoshikawa D'Errico.



May 10 at 10:07 PM



“ Pitt Softball purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Tracy Claire Yoshikawa D'Errico.



Pitt Softball - May 10 at 08:59 PM



“ I am so sorry and sad to hear about Tracy. My heart breaks for Christopher and the whole family. I had the privilege to work with Tracy at ECU with the women's soccer team. She was an excellent trainer and even better person. Her spirit shined on us everyday with her ever present smile and positive attitude. The team always commented on how much she cared about everyone. We will always remember her.

Rob Donnenthirth

Rob Donnenthirth - May 08 at 11:07 PM