



## Sarah E Rogers

January 28, 2021

Sarah E. (Mihalski) Rogers, 49, passed away on Thursday, January 28, 2021, after a hard-fought battle with colon cancer. Sarah was part of a blended family and leaves her best friend of 30 years and husband of 5 years, Mark Rogers; her children to whom she was devoted, Spencer “The Boy” and Emily “Emmie” Collins of Chicopee, Patrick Collins (Stephanie Taylor) of Agawam, Pohai Dickerson (Matt) of Greenwood, ME and Raeannah Duda of Waterbury, CT. Sarah also leaves her parents, Joseph “Chip” Mihalski of Agawam, and Linda and “Mr. Bill” Yelinek of Monson. She is survived by her extended family, Richard, Michelle and Shannon Yelinek; Marjorie, Michael, Matthew, Daniel and Kat Ostiguy; and Joyce Tomski. Sarah was predeceased in death by her grandmother, Chip’s mom, Shirley Bellware, and Mr. Bill’s son, Billy Yelinek. Sarah attended schools in Agawam and graduated from Monson Junior-Senior High School. She received her BA in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts- Dartmouth. Her graduate degrees include a Master of Education and certificate of Educational Administration from Westfield State College, and a Master of Arts in Educational Psychology from American International College. Sarah taught at Sabis International Charter School and Rebecca Johnson Elementary School, both in Springfield. She was a guidance counselor at Van Sickle Middle School before becoming an administrator in the Enfield, CT school system, where she served as Principal of both JFK Middle School and E.H. Parkman Intermediate School. She also served as adjunct professor of psychology at Asnuntuck Community College.

Sarah had a huge heart, but one that was very tender. She made lasting friendships and as an educator had the ability to engage both students and staff with her enthusiasm and warm smile. Sarah lived life to the fullest even when presented with life's challenges. She was soft-spoken, kind and compassionate. She had a passion for daisies and her pets, Obi, Nana, Cam and Davey(formerly known as Daisy). She loved driving her VW Beetle, kayaking at the family cabin in Vermont, shopping with Emily at IKEA, enjoying a nice rare steak and frites with Mark, playing Monopoly with Spencer and Patrick, and sharing cannoli cake with family and friends at every birthday. Sarah's family would like to thank the physicians and staff at Sr. Caritas Cancer Center, especially her nurse Lisa who shared her difficult journey and was only a phone call away. Nick and Cheryl of Beacon Hospice were most supportive in these final days. Rae was our rock. A celebration of Sarah's life will be held when it is once again safe to do so, at which time her remains will be buried next to the grandparents she never knew, at Agawam Center Cemetery. Sarah would want you to remember her by planting a daisy in your garden next spring. Contributions in her memory may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215, with a memo directing it toward colon cancer research.

# Cemetery Details

## **Agawam Center Cemetery**

Main St.  
Agawam, MA

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Bill and Linda,

*I am so sorry for your loss and know that this fight was indeed very difficult for all.*

*Praying for strength for all of you and for her family.*

*Karen Coughlin (YMCA family)*

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**Karen Coughlin** - January 31, 2021 at 08:51 AM