



Dr. Melissa "Missy" Piper

December 11, 2013

Dr. Melissa "Missy" Piper, 45, left this earthly life to be with her Holy Father on Wednesday, December 11, 2013. She passed peacefully in her home surrounded by family and loved ones. She is survived by her husband Joseph Klusacek, daughter Megan Hunter, son Matthew Hunter, step-daughter Allison Klusacek, step-son Adam Klusacek, father Victor S. Piper, Sr., mother Helen Piper, and her brother Victor S. Piper, Jr. Missy graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Piper trained at the National Institutes of Health and received her PhD from The Ohio State University. She was an NIH-funded, Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and was an Investigator in the Dorothy M. Davis Heart and Lung Research Institute at the time of her death. Dr. Piper was internationally known for her work on regulation of the immune system. As a tribute to her leadership in this area, Dr. Piper and colleagues founded the International Society for Extracellular Vesicles. She was a brilliant researcher, a mentor, a leader and was committed to serving others. While her life was too short, she made a huge imprint in her scientific achievements, the generation of scientists she trained and the number of people that will benefit from her pioneering work. She will be missed by her family at The Ohio State University but her commitment to others will accelerate completion of the groundbreaking work she started to help others. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013 at 5:00pm. at ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH,

6770 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085. Services will also be held Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 1:00pm. at Bethel Church, Bethel Church Road, Latrobe, Pennsylvania. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Missy's honor to establish a scholarship and fund for continuing research. Please make donations to: The James Cancer Hospital, listing "Melissa Piper Fund" in the memo line and send to: OSU Office of Development, 660 Ackerman Road, PO Box 183112, Columbus, OH 43218. Arrangements by the Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell, 450 W. Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471. Please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com to send condolences to Missy's family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Melissa "Missy" Piper*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Dear Family --*

We wish to extend our condolences at the loss of Dr. Piper.

When we lose a loved one, and especially someone so young and vital, it causes a sadness that is often hard to bear. Something that has helped us through times such as this is the promise that our God has recorded for us in His word, the Bible. This promise is found in the Book of John, chapter 5, verses 28 and 29. There God gives his assurance that your loved one, Missy, will be raised back to life and it will be right here on earth.

I hope that you are able to be comforted by God's messages.

Sincerely and with sympathy,

Larry and Sally Weimer

The Weimers - December 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Vic and Vic Jr*

My Deepest of Sympathy to both of you.

Always remember the good times with Missy.

Debbie (Bennett) Karasek - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Helen, No mother should ever have to endure such a loss. Missy was a beautiful girl. My prayers and thoughts are with you*

Debbie (Bennett) Karasek - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *I just heard this very sad news. I have not been in recent contact with Missy but went to school with her and considered her a friend. What an impressive life she lived! Prayers to her family. Rest in peace, Missy.*

Barb (Massimo) Hopkins - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Our sincerest sympathy to Helen and the rest of the family on your loss. Missy was a wonderful daughter and has made a significant difference with her life, however short it may have been. Larry and Joanne Burns*

Lawrence R. Burns - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your devastating loss. I will remember Missy fondly. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.*

Kelli Kerns - December 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Prayers for Missy and her family. So very sad to hear this news but what a legacy she leaves. May she forever be in our hearts!*

Dawn Webster Piekarski - December 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Fred, Lisa, Chelsea and Colin Seely

Lisa seely - December 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ My condolences to the family of my LVHS 1985 Classmate. Too many our friends have been lost to our current view, though they live on through our memories.

Jeff Light - December 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ My deepest condolences to the entire Piper family. At did not know Missy but do know how much she will be missed by her mother and brother along with her sister in law and niece and nephew here in Florida. Your family will continue to be in our prayers. Her mother talked quite often about her darling daughter and how much she meant to her.

Steven, Tina, Zach, Jeremy, Reba, Quentin Phillips - December 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ A lot of special memories of Missy. I love you all and you are in my prayers

Brook Stockberger - December 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ We are so saddened to hear of Melissa's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jim, Donna, Ellie and Abbey Drake - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *Our sympathy and prayers go out to all of you during this difficult time.*

Eric, Debby, Jordan & Taylor Belke - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Our hearts go out to Matthew & Megan at this difficult time. May God bless and comfort you both. With love, Eric, Trish, Nolan & Norah Roush*

Trish, Eric, Nolan & Norah Roush - December 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM