

## **Geraldine Wentz – AD 1980 Nursing**

Geraldine Wentz, age 60, Tempe, AZ, passed away unexpectedly in September 2020. She was born in 1959 in Grafton, ND. She married her college sweetheart, Steven Wentz, in 1982.

Geri, as she preferred to be called, was a woman of many passions and pursuits. After high school she joined the Army National Guard, serving in both the North Dakota and Arizona Guard achieving the rank of SFC, before getting her Captain's commission in the Army Nurse Corps, switching to the Army Reserve.

She graduated with an AD in nursing in 1980, subsequently earning her bachelors degree followed by a Masters in Nursing Management. During her career she worked in oncology, the ICU, the ER, the burn unit at Maricopa County, as well as in nursing education. She was a strong patient advocate and passionate about excellent nursing care.

In addition, she was the proud mother of two children, doing her best to juggle her time between career and parent. In her rare spare time she enjoyed hiking, working out at the gym, and gardening. She was also active in her HOA. Standing at 4'11", one of her favorite sayings was "dynamite comes in small packages."

Geri is survived by her husband Steven, son Adam, daughter Meghan and her husband Michael, and her new granddaughter Joan, with whom she was fortunately able to spend some quality time prior to her passing. "In addition she is survived by her mother Dorothy of Coon Rapids and her sister Liz, along with her husband Jeff and family of Andover."

Please join us in celebrating her life on September 28 between 7PM and 8:30PM at a viewing at Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery and Funeral Home, Mesa, AZ. Funeral will be held at St. Andrews Catholic Church in Chandler, AZ on September 29 at 11AM.