



Tammy Malone

April 25, 1959 - March 21, 2018

Tammy Ann Malone, 58, born April 25, 1959, transcended, March 21, 2018. Tammy has cleared the final hurdle after an eight-month battle with pancreatic cancer. Free of her failed earthly vessel, family and friends will smile as they drive past a high school track field during practice, or upon seeing a young mother still dressed in her work clothes hustling her boys to baseball practice, and think of Tammy. They will feel her spirit in every graceful runner crossing a meadow. Tammy's passion was mothering, molding and raising three good men. Beloved and devoted mother, sister, aunt, cousin, Tammy loved her boys and cherished the time spent with all of her relatives at family gatherings. She was known and loved by many family, friends and colleagues as a rare, precious soul with the quality of showing up at just the right time where needed, with a word of encouragement, a favor, or a thoughtful gift. She was tough as nails but spread love everywhere. She often said to others embarking on a trip, "Enjoy every minute!" Tammy was a track star in hurdle events at Portage High School in Portage, Pennsylvania, and the first young woman from that school to earn a full college athletic scholarship. At the University of Texas at Austin, she set school, conference and national records. From there, she went on to become a member of the United States Women's Track team, competing in Russia, Romania and Greece. Were it not for the 1980 boycott of the Moscow Olympics, and an injury late in her career, she likely would have represented the United States in two Olympiads. Tammy's track exploits were featured in a history of Portage's first 100 years, "Portrait of a Town" and, in 2010, she was inducted into the Cambria County Sports Hall of Fame. Tammy lived in the present and the future, believed in second chances, and was an amazing mother who always believed in her boys. Wherever they struggled she loved and pushed them, in triumph she smiled and said, "I knew you could do it." She worked as a teacher in the Dallas Independent School District for several years and then became a pharmaceutical representative, ending her career with AstraZeneca. Tammy's parents were Harry and Doris Etienne of Portage, PA. Tammy is survived by her three sons, Ryan Edwards, Samuel Malone and Luke Malone of Dallas, Texas, as well as, Samuel and Luke's father, Dr. Tim Malone. She is also survived by her sister Christine Jeffers and Michelle Minemyer and their husbands Kevin Jeffers and Brad Minemyer, and nieces and nephews, Kiel, Korey, Kolin, Alyssa, Ashley, and Allison. Although her Olympic dreams were never

realized, Tammy lived her life with the heart of a champion and always did her best to light the flame of hope and love in everyone she touched.

Comments



“ I can't tell you how many times I have thought of and tried to locate Tammy over the years, to no avail. We both ran the hurdles for UT and I can tell you this, she pushed me hard when Coach Teri had her run with me. We ran trails together on weekends as we both lived on Riverside, we even studied a bit together. She was such an awesome and TRUE friend, always there when you needed one. My deepest condolence to the young men and her family, I know you will continue to make her proud. So so sorry that this is how we reconnected, God Bless and God 'speed'. Much love

Karl Smith - May 22, 2018 at 12:33 PM



“ Oh Tammy Ann! My heart is broken. You were a wonderful friend, teammate, and neighbor. I still remember the time we got lost running in the hills behind Stanford University, our 4 x 800 relay, 2 x 600-200s and all of those painful runs in Old Lake Highlands after we hit 40. I will never forget you.

Becky McClenny - March 29, 2018 at 10:13 PM



“ So very sad. My junior and senior year of high school my club team trained at the SMU track so we got to know one another well. I looked up to her a lot. She took me under her wing and gave me great wisdom about track and life. I fondly will remember the special times and talks we had before and after track sessions. I admired her work ethic. She was funny and so talented. She will be missed. Prayers for her family as they navigate through this loss.

Cindy Tolle Jaynes - March 29, 2018 at 09:24 PM



“ I was a few years ahead of Tammy in high school but I always admired her athletic ability and her gentle personality. She was a hometown hero to the entire community of Portage PA. RIP.

Deb (Ferraro) Shope - March 29, 2018 at 06:18 PM



“ This is such sad news to hear that my friend and former teammate has passed on from her sweet boys. Your mama was such a joy to run with at the University of Texas. She always made me laugh, I called her Eighty-any, a play on her last name. I am so very sorry for your loss of her here and I'm praying for you! Love and hugs, precious ones??

Julee King Pollock - March 29, 2018 at 03:36 PM



“ SO SO SORRY TO hear of this news!
Tammy was a graduating senior at UT when I came for my track recruiting visit and she is the one who gave me the tour of the athletic offices as well as the campus. She introduced me to Blue Bell ice cream and eating it out of a pint as we walked around campus. I remember thinking this girl is so nice and how I was so impressed with someone as good as she was would spend so much time with me, even when she would be graduating before I set foot on the Texas track.
Praying for you, Tammy's family!
Blessings to you!

Susan Bean Coffman - March 29, 2018 at 02:21 PM



“ Tammy was a senior at UT when I was a freshman. She was a great mentor and a wonderful leader on our team. Digging deep to get the most out of every day was her passion and strength. I have thought about her so many times over the years and I am so very sorry for your loss.

Denise Armstrong - March 29, 2018 at 12:45 PM



“ She was my role model when I joined the University of Texas track program in 1980. Her work ethic on the track was unbelievable.

Deanie Palmer Dudley - March 29, 2018 at 12:36 PM



“ I enjoyed coaching her and and I will always remember as a champion while I coached her at University of Texas from 1980-1984. I loved her spirit. She will be missed.

Teri Anderson Jordan - March 29, 2018 at 09:20 AM



“ On behalf of Tammy's alma mater, The University of Texas, and Texas men's and women's athletics, we extend thoughts and prayers to her family. Tammy was among the very early elite women student-athletes at Texas in the AIAW (Assn. for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women) era. She and her teammates set the early tone for excellence with their individual and team performances. As the 91st Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays event track & field event commences today (March 28), we keep Tammy in our hearts.

Chris Plonsky - March 28, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ So many great memories of an extraordinary athlete and even better person. I was a high school classmate of Tammy. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Tony Tomaselli - March 23, 2018 at 09:18 AM