



Tiffany Barboza

February 10, 2014

“Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls; the most massive characters are seamed with scars.”

Tiffany Driscoll Barboza (born Tiffany Melissa Driscoll) entered the world on April 16, 1982 in Adak, Alaska. In kindergarten, Tiffany determined that she was a genius, and it turns out that she was right. Tiffany was always highly motivated and excelled in school. When it came time for college, she earned an appointment to the prestigious United States Military Academy at West Point, though she was ultimately unable to attend.

Tiffany began her undergraduate studies at Baylor University, where she also started playing water polo competitively. She transferred to the University of Houston to pursue better opportunities and better apply her genius within the field of physics; this decision paid off when she was selected to present for NASA’s World Space Congress in 2002. While at U of H, Tiffany continued playing water polo, earning a spot on the Houston All-Star team, eventually graduating in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science in both physics and math.

As a rare woman within her field, Tiffany was recruited by the top schools in the country for her graduate studies, including Cal Tech, but chose the more student-focused Louisiana State University. At LSU, she studied computational fluid dynamics, receiving her Masters of Science in Physics as well as an unofficial Masters in Tiger Football. She continued her studies, pursuing a PhD, and while also working as a research assistant and instructor

in the Department of Physics and Astronomy.

After her diagnosis with Crohn's Disease, Tiffany shifted the focus of her research to medical physics, hoping to eventually attend medical school (in addition to the PhD) in order to help find a cure for Crohn's and Colitis. She was working on her dissertation in discrete hydrodynamics, but Tiffany ultimately got too sick to complete her PhD and had to leave the program.

This was probably the toughest decision of her life.

At LSU, Tiffany met the love of her life, Carlos. The two were married on February 16, 2012 in Baton Rouge, LA, and had a spectacular ceremony and reception on their first anniversary in Houston, TX. Tiffany and Carlos built a loving family together that included three papillons who were always adoring and always deeply adored.

Despite all that the disease took from her, Tiffany's indomitable spirit pushed her to use it as a vehicle to help others. She conducted research on colon cancer stem cells and other topics with a team at Oschner Health System in New Orleans under Dr. David Margolin, that was eventually published in medical journals; she started her own website/business (nosolidsdiet.com) to provide healthy and delicious recipes for those suffering from severe gastrointestinal disorders; she actively participated in blogs and online forums for those suffering from inflammatory bowel disease, and reached out and developed an international network of "crohnies" and other disease sufferers; she acted as a counselor for Camp Oasis, a summer camp for kids afflicted by Crohn's and Colitis; and she continually supported the work of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA). Tiff also enjoyed baking, and habitually made beautifully designed cakes and cupcakes for her friends. Tiffany was probably the strongest person any of us will ever know. She has been described as a "force of nature". She was brilliant, quick-witted, and hilarious, with a gift for finding the humor in everything, even poop... especially poop. She would often put the needs of others above her own. After an eight-year long battle with Crohn's Disease, Tiffany died in her home on February 10, 2014 with her beloved husband Carlos by her side. She was 31

years old.

Tiffany is survived by her husband Carlos Eduardo Barboza; their babies, Sassy, Isis, and Callie; her parents, Daniel and Cynthia Driscoll; her sister, Nicole Driscoll; her maternal grandmother, Roberta Keating; and her paternal grandmother, Alta Woodhouse; she was preceded in death by her doting 'Papa', William Keating.

Tiffany's brilliance and fighting spirit will live on through all those whose lives she touched as well as through the continued research of the CCFA (ccfa.org).

The Addison family and staff extend our heartfelt condolences to the Barboza family in their time of loss.

Tribute Wall



“ *Tiffany Barboza*

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Sheri Thompson lit a candle in memory of Tiffany Barboza*



Sheri Thompson - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *David, Yoko And Masato Hinkle lit a candle in memory of Tiffany Barboza*



David, Yoko and Masato Hinkle - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *My daughter and Tiffany were high school friends. I was deeply saddened to hear of her passing. I will keep the whole family in my prayers. I will pray that God will bring peace to you. In Christ, Marsha McComb*

Marsha Hildebrandt McComb - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Marsha Hildebrandt McComb lit a candle in memory of Tiffany Barboza*



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BC

“ *Brenda Cummings lit a candle in memory of Tiffany Barboza*



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DJ

“ *David Josephson lit a candle in memory of Tiffany Barboza*



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FS

“ *Foster & Carol Stringfield lit a candle in memory of Tiffany Barboza*



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DL

“ *Desiree Leyland lit a candle in memory of Tiffany Barboza*



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RP

“ *Rebecca Parks lit a candle in memory of Tiffany Barboza*



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MH

“ *Mark Heineman lit a candle in memory of Tiffany Barboza*



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FH

“ *Flo & Chuck Handrich lit a candle in memory of Tiffany Barboza*



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JS

“ *Jose Sifontes lit a candle in memory of Tiffany Barboza*



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NB

“ *Natalie Vidinha Burton lit a candle in memory of Tiffany Barboza*



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JT

“ *Jennifer Topscher lit a candle in memory of Tiffany Barboza*



Jennifer Topscher - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Tiffany was a friend of mine from high school. When my daughter was born in 2005, Tiffany contacted me through facebook to offer her congratulations, and our facebook relationship began. I loved reading her amazingly witty facebook posts, and I would both*

Jennifer Topscher - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Restrepo Family In Orlando lit a candle in memory of Tiffany Barboza



Restrepo Family in Orlando - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I only know Tiffany through facebook and hearing of her passing breaks my heart. So full of life and so intelligent. Her comments on my fb, stories, or our talks through private chat will forever be in my heart. Tiffany has taught me what life is really a

monica marcum - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ God taking Tiffany so soon breaks my heart!!! She was an amazing young women that cared about everyone around her!!! She would always be there when any of us would be sick or in the hospital due to our GI problems or surgeries from blockages!!! She could

Pam Ridener - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Pam Ridener lit a candle in memory of Tiffany Barboza



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HF

“ *HERNANDEZ BARBOZA FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Tiffany Barboza*



HERNANDEZ BARBOZA FAMILY - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Tiffany, may God bring you a better life in his hands. You made your impression on many who wish you were still here. We all know you fought to the end like the Tigers who you cheered. You didn't lose the game of life, but you won by putting smiles on fa*

Sean Morrill - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ZS

“ *My condolences to everyone who was close to Tiffany. I met her through CCFA Camp Oasis, and she was an amazing person - her wit, intellect, energy and spirit. I've never personally known anyone with a case of Crohn's so sever that it took their life - it'*

Zach Stambaugh - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *I "met" Tiffany via Facebook thru a fellow Crohnie (Dave). Newly diagnosed she and I exchanged many messages back and forth and she was a wealth of help, encouragement, and information. And thru my friendship with Tiffany, I met my friend Sherry. I wil*

Taryn Homick - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ My condolences to Tiffany's family and friends. I know that nothing I say can ease the pain, but please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Carlos, please, if you need anything I am always a phone call away Brother.

Jeremy Espil - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Driscoll and Barboza Families, Please accept our sympathies for the loss of your wonderful Tiffany. She was a steadfast friend and we admired her tenacity and spunk. We are making a donation in Tiffany's honor to CCFA. We are unable to make it to the serv

Carrie and Santiago Peña - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ ApologiLea Godwin, Cam & Nate lit a candle in memory of Tiffany Barboza



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BM

“ Bernie McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Tiffany Barboza



Bernie McDaniel - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM