



MATTHEWS Suzanne Claire "Suzie" Matthews, age 52, of Upper Arlington, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 5, 2011 after a long, courageous battle with Inflammatory Breast Cancer. Suzie was born in Columbus, OH on September 22, 1958. She was a graduate of Upper Arlington High School and The Ohio State University. She was a beloved General Music teacher at Jones Middle School for 28 years along with being the Department Chair of the Music Department. While at Jones she was the Director of both the Fall Production and the annual Talent Show, shows that over the years involved thousands of students. Suzie was also an accomplished church organist/pianist, playing at St. Agatha, St. Patrick, St. Andrew and, lastly, St. Brigid of

Kildare, where she was a founder and director of the "Brigid's Gael" contemporary choir. She was a member and fervent supporter of the OEA Teachers Union. Suzie loved her family and friends, The Beatles, and Laughter, among many other joys. There never has been, nor will there ever be, another like her. Suzie is preceded in death by her grandparents Cline and Mae Matthews and Daniel and Helen Collins, along with her sister-in-law Carol Matthews. Suzie is survived by her parents, Donald and Suzanne Matthews of Upper Arlington; and her brothers and sisters, Paul, Karen (Dave) Pierson, Molly (Joe) Trovato, Peg (Patty Hoyer) Matthews, Patty, Mike (Jennifer) Matthews, Tony, and Bill; nephews, Jack, Patrick, Matt, Tony, John, Max, D.J., Joey, Thomas, and Andrew; niece, Cathleen. She is also survived by longtime friend, Sally Strong; and, lastly, her beloved pets, Casey and Tabbey Road. Friends may call between 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at the EGAN-RYAN NORTHWEST CHAPEL, 4661 Kenny Rd. Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 10, 2011, at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1899 McCoy Rd. Fr. Michael B. Watson, Celebrant. The Matthews family wishes to express its deepest gratitude to Dr. Maryam Lustberg, The James Cancer Hospital, and the staff of the Kobacker House. Suzie was loved beyond measure by her family, friends, and students, and will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Stefanie Spielman Fund For Breast Cancer Research,