

2024 UMAC KICK-A-THON



CHAMPIONS 4 CURES SUPPORTS:



IN HONOR OF CATHERINE W. GLAAB

Catherine Glaab is the mother of our very own Master Savannah Glaab and her sister Casey. She was an exceptional mother, supporting her children unconditionally as they grew and explored the world. Once Catherine brought her “two beautiful girls” into the world, she always had a knack for finding fun and unique places to take them and always explored different playgrounds around Westchester. Though motherhood came with its challenges, Catherine had a natural inclination for it, and she knew how to show compassion and understanding when needed most, as her love for her daughters remains unconditional.



A few qualities about Catherine that she will forever be remembered for are her creativity, generosity, and, of course, her laugh (he he he). From calligraphy to baking, Catherine’s creativity never ceased. Baking soothed her, and she loved making personalized cakes for birthdays, and she enjoyed finding new and different cookie recipes during the holiday season. Catherine volunteered every year at UMAC events, baking for parties, events, and fundraisers. Her creativity did not just come from baking. She was an artist, she mastered hair braiding, and she wrote poems that could make you laugh or cry (or laugh so hard you would start crying). As she would put it, she was a “frustrated Hallmark card writer.” One such example is when Master Glaab graduated to 4th degree. Catherine rewrote the song “We Will Rock You” as “She Will Rock You” and, with the help of the leadership team stomping out the beat, performed it much to the amusement of the masters and shocking Master Glaab.



Anyone who walked into a room with Catherine would immediately feel her warmth and cheery personality. She loved engaging with family at get-togethers, and especially at weddings where you could find her on the floor dancing and singing her heart out. Moreover, her generosity was unbounded. When others needed, they’d know Catherine would be there with a helping hand. What is truly remarkable is how Catherine easily kept in touch with those she cared for. Whether through letters, birthday cards, or really long phone calls, she was sure to make everyone she spoke with feel special. In every stage of life, from grade school to college and throughout her career, Catherine made and maintained meaningful relationships with lifelong friends. She will be missed dearly by her family and friends.

Catherine passed away on July 13, 2023. In 2005, she was diagnosed with Breast cancer, which she fought bravely in 2005 and 2012 when it returned, and it was discovered again in 2018 when it spread to her bones and eventually spread throughout her body. Catherine was not one to bring to attention her fight and fought this battle with few knowing the truth as her love for others overrode her pain as she continued to live a life full of love and selflessness, celebrating and supporting others even under such limiting circumstances. She was a warrior in the truest form and is a reminder of how kindness and love change the world.