

Lia Sargent Vigna

September 27, 1965 - October 21, 2007



Lia Sargent Vigna passed away unexpectedly October 21, 2007 in Thousand Oaks, California from complications following heart surgery. Lia was born in Scottsdale, Arizona on September 27, 1965 to Beverly and Fred R. Sargent. The youngest of six children, she attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help Elementary School in Scottsdale and graduated from Gerard Catholic High School in Phoenix in 1983. Lia received her B.A. in Speech Communications from the University of Arizona in 1987 and was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. After college, she lived with her sorority sisters in San Francisco, working in the communications field. In 1989, she moved to San Diego, where she met the love of her life, Eric Vigna. They were married on April 27, 1991 in Scottsdale and together had four beautiful children, Olivia (13), John (11), Camille (8) and Elise (6). The Vignas lived in Hermosa and Manhattan Beach for five years, and spent the next seven years in Laguna Niguel. In 2003, they moved to Thousand Oaks where Lia dedicated her time and talents to her community. She was an active participant of Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) at Calvary Community Church where she was member and also served on the PTA board at Meadows Elementary School and chaired their record-breaking 2007 fundraiser. Lia loved yoga, music, dancing and a good book. She especially loved road trips and outdoor activities with her family, and there was no place more special to her than the beach. A beautiful, tall, vivacious woman, Lia's extraordinary personality and world-famous smile were intoxicating. She lit up every room she walked into and made everyone feel as though they were the most important person on earth. She had compassion and genuine sincerity for others that caused her circle of "best" friends to grow exponentially over the years. Lia truly cherished her family, friends and life with an unlimited and everlasting love. Her rare and effervescent spirit will live on through her children and all of those who were privileged to know her. Lia shared boundless love and thoughtfulness throughout her life and left this world with grace to be with our Lord in heaven. Her final gesture of kindness was to be an organ donor, giving life to those in need. Lia is survived by her husband and children, her parents, Beverly and Fred Sargent, sisters Patti (Mike) Sternau, Cindy (John) Harper, Sallie (David) Radcliffe, Christine (Tom) Briebl, brother Stephen (Anne) Sargent, her in-laws, Anthony and Dolores Vigna of Santa Barbara, cousin Clayton Ward and 16 nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass will be held at 1:30 pm on Saturday, October 27, 2007 at St. Jude Catholic Church, 32032 W. Lindero Canyon Road, Westlake Village, California.

A private burial will take place in Scottsdale, Arizona. Contributions can be made to the Vigna Children's Fund at any Bank of America location or to the American Heart Association in Lia's name. A celebration of Lia's life will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona on Saturday, November 24, 2007.

Further information will be provided by the family.