



Elizabeth "Liz" Moya

February 20, 1981 - February 21, 2023

Elizabeth "Liz" Moya passed away Tuesday, February 21, at the age of 42, after courageously battling Multiple Sclerosis, Breast Cancer, and Pulmonary Fibrosis. A testament to this woman's strength and fortitude, it took not one, but three different diseases acting in concert, to steal her from her family and our community.

Born February 20, 1981, in Miami, Florida, to Byron and Barbara Petersen, Liz was a graduate of Ransom Everglades High School. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Social Science and Master's Degree in Public Administration, both from Florida State University. After meeting Chris in Tallahassee, they married in 2006 and she simultaneously became Aidyn's stepmother. Their family grew with the birth of twins - Samantha and Jake - in 2011.

From walking on her 8-foot-tall stilts or riding on a unicycle as a kid in circus camp, paddling the Everglades for 7 days without seeing land, rock climbing in North Carolina and Georgia, to her elk hunting honeymoon, her sense of adventure and fearlessness were hallmarks of her vibrant personality. Graced with an incredible smile, framed with picturesque dimples, Chris consistently described Liz as "Audrey Hepburn, but better looking." Her elegance was

always accentuated by her “popped-collar” and monogrammed appearance.

Liz was a loving daughter, devoted wife, a phenomenal mother whose professional career was focused on public service for over 20 years. After graduating from FSU in just 2 years, she served in the House Rules Committee, Senate Majority Office, Senate President’s Office. She later served as Director of Legislative Affairs for the Florida Office of Early Learning, and the Florida Department of Education. Liz went on to serve as Assistant Vice Chancellor of Articulation & Career Education Policy and Director of Legislative Affairs & Social Projects at the department of education.

Known for her signature greeting to anyone with whom she interacted, her use of the phrase “Hi Friend!” typically was followed with a quick offer of colorful candy.

Liz is truly loved and will be deeply missed by her husband (Chris), children (Samantha, Jake and Aidyn) and mother (Barbara).

The family will receive friends from 6:00PM until 9:00PM on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road. The funeral service will be at 10:00AM on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at St. Peter’s Anglican Cathedral, 4784 Thomasville Road, with the interment at Roselawn Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Governors Club, 202 S. Adams Street. A scholarship is being set up in Liz’s name at Florida State University. For those interested in contributing, please email lizmoyamemory@gmail.com.

Our world is a much dimmer place, as one of our brightest and most beautiful stars has fallen from the sky.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Moya family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

815 West Piedmont Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Previous Events

The Family Will Receive Friends

MAR 1. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Funeral Service

MAR 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Peter's Anglican Cathedral
4784 Thomasville Road
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Reception

MAR 2. 12:30 PM (ET)

Governors Club
202 S. Adams Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.*



March 22, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ *While I only worked directly with Liz a few times at the Dept. of Ed., one of her kindnesses to me has resulted in my thinking of her quite often. Let me explain, as I think it is a beautiful example of her compassion and her ability to connect people together.*

Liz and I carpooled to a conference in Orlando together and, during small talk, I shared that I had recently moved, my house had two sprung two separate leaks, and that my insurance carrier had dropped me. I had been looking for new insurance, but given the circumstances, was likely to pay two to three times as much. Liz, being Liz, knew someone in the insurance field that she immediately texted and, before I knew it, I had excellent and affordable coverage for my house, cars, and general liability. For that car insurance, I have a device in my car that connects to my phone to track my driving, so I am more conscious of my insurance than I ever have in my life and it very often makes me think of Liz and the above-and-beyond kindness she showed me. She shall be so missed! "She is a lioness!" - Ezekiel 19

- Lee Chipps-Walton

Lee Chipps-Walton - March 02, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.*



March 01, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.*



March 01, 2023 at 02:01 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.*



March 01, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.*



March 01, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.



March 01, 2023 at 09:18 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.



February 28, 2023 at 07:41 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.



February 28, 2023 at 04:30 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.



February 28, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.



February 28, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.



February 28, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.



February 28, 2023 at 08:45 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.



February 28, 2023 at 08:38 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.



February 27, 2023 at 08:44 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.



February 27, 2023 at 06:44 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.



February 27, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.



February 26, 2023 at 09:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.



February 26, 2023 at 08:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.



February 26, 2023 at 03:51 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.



February 25, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.



February 25, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.*



February 24, 2023 at 06:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.*



February 24, 2023 at 02:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.*



February 24, 2023 at 01:04 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.*



February 24, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.*



February 24, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.*



February 24, 2023 at 09:42 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.*



February 24, 2023 at 09:17 AM



“ *John Kirtley purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.*



John Kirtley - February 24, 2023 at 08:30 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.*



February 23, 2023 at 06:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.*



February 23, 2023 at 05:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Moya.*



February 23, 2023 at 04:45 PM