



Ginger Ann Pryor

April 20, 1959 - June 1, 2013

Ginger Ann Pryor, 54, died on June 1, 2013 at the Hershey Medical Center from complications associated with metastatic breast cancer. She was born Ginger Ann Malone on April 20, 1959 at Tripler Army Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii. Ginger graduated from Caledonia High School in Caledonia, MS in 1977 and then from Kansas State University in 1981 with a Bachelor of Agriculture degree while majoring in Horticulture Therapy. It was at Kansas State University where she met her husband of 31 years John Pryor. Ginger and John moved to Lebanon in 1982 after Ginger accepted a position at the VA Medical Center as the staff Horticultural Therapist and managing the greenhouse on the hospital grounds until 1991. She then took a break from work after their second child was born until 1999 when she accepted a position working for the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service for Lebanon County as a Horticultural Program Assistant. This was after several years working as a summer assistant for the Lebanon County Master Gardener Program. In 2007 she was chosen as the first State Coordinator for the Penn State Master Gardener Program and held that position until 2012 when she had to resign because of her reoccurring battle with breast cancer. During her time with Penn State Cooperative Extension she was successful in landing funding from Haagen Dazs for the statewide pollinator garden project and was very passionate about sending the message for the program statewide. Her hope was for homeowners to implement pollinator-friendly practices in their gardens and also to get garden centers and retailers to place

informational material in stores to help shoppers easily identify pollinator-friendly plants. For more information on this program go to <http://extension.psu.edu/allegheeny/programs/master-gardener/mg-projects/pollinator-project>. Aside from this Ginger loved getting her hands dirty in soil and also loved giving anyone advice on planting their garden whether it be a vegetable or flower garden or landscaping around their house. Ginger leaves behind two wonderful daughters Loran and Corrin and her husband John. She is also survived by her mother Marie Malone of Colorado Springs, CO, her father Loran Malone of Columbus, MS and her sister Janet Riordan of Colorado Springs, CO. In addition, Ginger is survived by her mother-in-law Gladys Pryor of Macungie, PA and her sisters-in-law Judy Florey of Sarasota, FL, Deborah Kooker of Breinigsville, PA, Susan Fries of Emmaus, PA and Patricia Pryor of Allentown, PA. Memorial services will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2013 at 2:00 PM at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 200 East Main Street, Annville, PA 17003. A time of visitation with the family will follow the service in the church fellowship hall. In lieu of giving flowers please send contributions in Ginger's name to the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition at 2397 Quentin Road, Suite B Lebanon, PA 17042 or by logging on at www.pabreastcancer.org and clicking on "Donate" or the Lebanon County Master Gardener Program. For the Lebanon County Master Gardener Program please make the check to the PSCE Program Fund and mail to Lebanon County Penn State Cooperative Extension, 2120 Cornwall Road, Suite #1, Lebanon, PA 17042. Put to the attention of Norma and also make sure you include a note specifying it is to go to the Master Gardener Program.

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“ A beautiful written obituary for a wonderful friend. Will always think of Ginger when our hydrangea bush blooms. She told us how to prune it that we will now have gorgeous blooms throughout the summer. Ginger had that special touch with flowers, plants, cooking and knitting. Keeping those special memories close to our hearts. John, Loran, Cori and all of the Malone and Pryor families - you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Lisa and Danny Alexander - June 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM