

Date of Birth

**Oct 28, 1975**



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**Feb 03, 2017**

## **Martha Kralovec**

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Kralovec, Martha Martha Kralovec, age 41, passed away on Thursday February 2, 2017 after being diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor just three weeks earlier. Despite her diagnosis, she was determined to make it back home to spend time with her boys and she was able to do just that for several days; it was a true gift. Anyone who ever met Martha instantly liked her; it was hard not to because of her warm personality and generous spirit. She was born on October 27, 1975 to Mary Joan and Milton Fuiten in Hartford, WI, where she grew up loving animals, horse riding and the great outdoors; especially spending time on the tractor with her father Milt. Even as a child, she embraced the Franciscan appreciation for all of God's creatures and developed a strong foundation of faith from her father and mother. Martha graduated from Hartford Union High School in 1993 and went on to UW-Madison where she earned her bachelor's degree in microbiology and psychology and, following that, a degree as a Physician Assistant. She later went on to

earn a master's degree in Physician Assistant studies from UW-Madison. Not surprisingly, she became a lifelong Badger fan, no matter what the sport. It was also at UW-Madison where she met the love of her life and true companion, Mark Kralovec. Martha and Mark married on a very hot and humid day in June of 1998; moved to Green Bay and had three boys, Alek, Jozef and Jarek, who she loved more than anything in the world. Add in several pets, most recently dogs Reuben, her running partner, and Jada, her adopted "forever friend". It made for a busy life, but she always found ways for the family to do things together whether that was going to the cabin, attending the boy's athletic events and concerts, biking, or going to church. Martha's faith was a foundational cornerstone of her life. She belonged the St. Norbert College parish in De Pere and had an affinity and appreciation for the work of the Norbertine's. Her favorite stress relief was running. Martha and Mark completed many races together including several full marathons; most recently the Milwaukee Marathon in November 2016. After working for several medical groups as a Physician Assistant, Martha found her professional calling working at HSHS St. Vincent with the gynecological oncology team led by Dr. Jon Tammela. She often said it was her second family and Martha had a true passion and skill for surgery. Martha provided much more than medical assistance to "her ladies" who came into the clinic. She was loved for her kindness and sense of humor, even in adverse situations. Martha is survived by her husband Mark, her sons Alek, Jozef and Jarek, of De Pere and her parents Milt and Mary Joan Fuiten, of Green Bay. She is further survived by her mother-in-law Judy and father-in-law Roger Kralovec (Green Bay); sister-in-law Julie Heyn (De Pere) and her children Jared Heyn and Michelle and Mike Hatch along with their children Leora and Shae; sister-in-law Mary Denissen and her husband Tim (Allouez) and their children Ryan Denissen, wife Kelly and children Emmy, Matilda and Kaida as well as Erin Francis and her husband Danny; brother-in-law Ed Kralovec and his wife, Susan Finco (De Pere); Family and friends may visit at Cotter Funeral Home, 860 N Webster Avenue, De Pere, on Sunday, February 5 from 2:00pm until 7:00pm with a prayer service at 6:30pm. Visitation will continue at Old St. Joseph Church on St. Norbert College Campus in De Pere on Monday from 4:00pm until 5:45pm. The Mass of Christian Burial for Martha will be celebrated at 6:00pm with Rev. Tim Shillcox, O.Praem officiating. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.cotterfuneralhome.com](http://www.cotterfuneralhome.com). As a mother, Martha wanted the best in life for her children and education was a cornerstone of that

desire, so In lieu of flowers a Kralovec Boys Education Fund has been established at PCM Credit Union, 601 Williard Dr., Green Bay, WI 54304 Martha never liked to say goodbye, instead she would say "see you later." So with much love, her husband, boys, family and friends would like to say, "See you later Martha. We'll miss you, but you'll always be in our hearts. God bless." The family would like to thank all of Martha's "peeps" at St. Vincent Hospital for all of their love and care for Martha and her family during this difficult time. Special thanks to Paper Converting Machine Company for supporting Mark and truly putting their people first. Also special friends, Sister Laura Zelten and Dr. Mary Neustifter for being by Martha and Mark's side every step of this journey.

## Memories of Martha

