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Kathleen Michaels Gronborg

Service:

Saturday, January 11, 2003
11:30 AM
Church of the Holy Family
1885 South Park Ave
Buffalo, NY 14220



Kathleen Gronborg (Michaels)

Of San Diego, CA formerly of Buffalo, NY; January 4, 2003, beloved wife of Tor Gronborg; loving daughter of Paul and Mary Jane "Susie" Michaels; dear sister of Thomas (Lou), Maureen and Joseph Michaels; also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and a nephew. Family and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial in the Church of the Holy Family on Saturday at 11:30 AM (please assemble at church). In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Kathleen Michaels Gronborg Memorial Fund, Children's Hospital and Health Center, Donor services, mail code 5005, 3020 Children's Way, San Diego, CA 92123. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to the family by selecting the contact funeral home button. Arrangements by Ray O'Connell Funeral Home (716)-823-0124. John A. Murphy, Director

Kathleen M. Michaels Gronborg, of San Diego, Calif., formerly of West Seneca, a former pediatric nurse and campaigner for a cure for breast cancer, died Saturday (Jan. 4, 2003) in her home, after a five-year battle with breast cancer. She was 35. Born Kathleen Michaels in Buffalo, she graduated from Mount Mercy Academy and the University of Rochester. She left Western New York in 1990 to take a job at San Diego's Children's Hospital and Health Center, where she worked until last year.

In 2001, she received San Diego's Top 40 Under 40 Award, presented to the city's best and brightest young leaders. She was also twice recognized as one of Children's Hospital's top five employees, the only nurse to be so honored. In addition, she raised funds and gave talks in an effort to find a cure for breast cancer.

Survivors include her husband Tor; her parents, Paul and Susie Michaels of West Seneca; two brothers, Thomas Michaels of Buffalo and Joseph Michaels of San Diego; and a sister, Maureen Michaels of San Diego.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Church of the Holy Family, 1885 South Park Ave. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna

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