



Rachel Schulien Balmer

March 23, 1976 - February 5, 2013

Rachel Schulien Balmer, 36, passed away on Feb. 5, 2013, of complications resulting from surgery to remove a brain tumor. Born March 23, 1976, Rachel grew up in Libertyville, attended Lake Forest Academy, and graduated cum laude from the University of Southern California with a degree in chemical engineering. Since 2001, she was employed with Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. as a principal engineer. Rachel is survived by her husband of 15 years, Jon Balmer; her daughter Eliza; her mother, Janice Schulien; her six siblings, John (Heather) Schulien, Rita (James) MacAyeal, Keith Schulien, Ruth Ann Schulien, Valerie (Alex) Terray and Karen (Wayne Saxe) Schulien; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, John Schulien. Rachel loved music, skiing, traveling, cooking, puzzles and math. She was a devoted and loving mother and she brought joy to her family and friends. She will be remembered always for her bright smile, warm sense of humor, and caring spirit. Rachel chose to be an organ donor, and so in her passing she gave the gift of life to many others. Visitation and a funeral service will be held this Saturday, Feb. 9, at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home Ltd., 120 W. Park Ave. (Route 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.), Libertyville, beginning at 5 p.m. There will be a prayer service at 5:30 p.m. and visitation will continue until 9 p.m. There will be a private interment at Ascension Cemetery on Monday. Contributions may be made in her memory to the American Brain Tumor Association (www.abta.org). For information, 847-362-3009 or please sign the guestbook at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

TL

“ *My condolences to the family of Rachel Balmer. Rachel was truly a beautiful person and I am grateful for knowing her as a co-worker at UL. May GOD heal and comfort the family during this trying time.*

Tarshica Lewis - June 29, 2018 at 02:31 PM

AD

“ *I have only been working with Rachel for about 2 years, but I was immediately impressed with her intelligence and gentle spirit. She was patient in sharing her knowledge with all of us. She will be greatly missed. My prayers go out for Rachel's family and the beautiful little Eliza.*

With deepest sympathy,

Amanda Dail

...Shall claim of death cause us to grieve,

And make our courage faint or fall?

Nay, let us faith and hope receive,

The rose still grows beyond the wall.

Scattering fragrance far and wide,

Just as it did on the other side,

Just as it will forevermore.

A.L. Frink

Amanda Dail - June 29, 2018 at 02:31 PM

VK

“ *We are so sorry to hear that Rachel has passed away. Our most sincere condolences go to her lovely family, especially to her beautiful mother, Janice whom has been a tremendous help to me. Prayers for comfort - Valerie and Jay Krasne*

Valerie Krasne - June 29, 2018 at 02:31 PM

BB

“ I am honored to have known Rachel for the 12 years of her employment here at UL. Rachel has been nothing less than a positive influence on my career here at UL because of her knowledge and willingness to help at any given moment. Praying the family will find some comfort in scripture 2Corinthians 5:8 which tells us "to be absent from the body, is to be present with The Lord". Rachel will be truly missed. Praying that you will find comfort and peace during this time.

Beatrice Brown - June 29, 2018 at 02:31 PM

TD

“ Dear Schulien family,
My heart aches for you at this time.
May god give you help at this difficult time.

Trudy Draper

Trudy Dra[er] - June 29, 2018 at 02:31 PM

AT

“ Schulien's, I am a friend of Ruth's I am so sorry for your loss. I think I met Rachel once. However, I am not sure. I know that she was a nice good person because of the stories Ruth told me. Also because Ruth and her mother are good people. Sorry Ruth and family.

Ashley Telling - June 29, 2018 at 02:31 PM

TF

“ I never met Rachel in person we only spoke on the phone and on the computer, but she was very kind to me in sharing her knowledge of projects I needed help with and making me laugh. I'm so sorry for your loss. Surely, she is in much kinder and gentle hands. I will keep all of you in my prayers.

Theresa Flores - April 27, 2018 at 06:39 AM

RB

“ I'm very sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers daily. I pray for comfort and peace to all of you.

Rebecca Barton - April 27, 2018 at 06:39 AM

LK

“ It seems it's true that only the good die young. The world was a better place because of you. You impacted so many people with your wonderful spirit and smile. I know you will be missed terribly but I know I am better for having known you.

Lyndy Komen - April 27, 2018 at 06:39 AM

AF

“ In honor of a beautiful life...I worked with Rachel at UL in the Water Program from 2001 until my retirement several years later. From early on I realized Rachel was one of the most gifted people I would ever know: most intelligent, accomplished, well rounded, yet humble, genuine and kind. She has left her imprint on everything and everyone she came in contact with. Take comfort in knowing how meaningful & real she remains & please accept my deepest sympathy.

Arvella Fahlbusch - April 27, 2018 at 06:39 AM

MC

“ SORRY FOR YOUR LOST THE CUNNINGHAM FAMILY WILL BE PRAYING FOR THE SCHULIEN-BALMER FAMILY FOR THEIR LOVE ONE THEY HAVE LOSTMAY GOD KEEP AND BLESS THEM THRU THIS.

MARY ROSS- CUNNINGHAM - April 27, 2018 at 06:39 AM

BP

“ I worked with Rachel at Pharmacia/ Pfizer. She was always smiling and would help anyone with anything she could. I am so sorry to hear of her passing so early in her life. I am very sorry for her family and friends lose.

Bob Pahl - April 27, 2018 at 06:39 AM

AD

“ i remember when Rachel was a teeny angelic precious girl and Rita started this thing where we would tickle under the chin of the little kids of the Family and say "koze, koze, koze, koze, koze!" and they would laugh their heads off hysterically and beg us to do it more. Rachel loved it! i wonder has anyone tried it on Eliza yet to see if she thinks its as hilarious as her Momma thought it was;-)

Andrea Draper - April 27, 2018 at 06:39 AM

AD

“ If You need anything call me i am in Libertyville until my Sisters and I get my Grandmother's estate settled, which will be for a few weeks at least. I would love to help you in any way i can. I am a pretty good vegetarian cook, baked at "The Bread Company" a vegetarian bakery in Montclair, NJ for 3 years baking mostly organic breads, rolls, cookies and pasteries, baked for a NJ farmers market vendor too- Vacciano Farm for 2 years and so im a pretty good at baking... id love to drop off some food for Your Family, Johnny's Family, Jon's Family, your Mom- please you Guys reach out to me if you need- 847-644-5347 Andrea Draper

Andrea Draper - April 27, 2018 at 06:39 AM



“ Our Family is Praying for Your Family! Please Know How Sorry We are for Your Loss- We are here for You. Rachel was Everything We could have hoped her to be and So Much More. How did we get so Lucky as to know her? We Thank God for Her. May She Rest in Peace.

February 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I knew Rachel in high school and was struck by her kindness and good spirit. Very sad to have learned of her passing and wishing her family all strength.

February 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM