



DONNA CONE BRISTER
1960 - 2008

Donna was born in Buffalo, N.Y. and grew up in Darien Center, N.Y., she has an identical twin, named Debbie. Donna always wanted to be a nurse, her twin wanted to be a teacher so the girls didn't separate until they went to college. Donna received her Bachelors degree from Nazareth College in Rochester, N.Y. She had completed the requirements for her Masters Degree in Nursing Education one month before her untimely death. Her Masters Degree was awarded posthumously. Donna started her career at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center and for the past decade she was the Education Specialist at Sinai Hospital of Baltimore. She worked very hard to contribute to the hospital and help Sinai earn its designation as a magnet center hospital. Donna was very active as an educator, coordinating and teaching multiple courses for her staff and throughout the state of Maryland.

Donna became ill while attending a social function at Sinai, as a result of a long battle with RA, an autoimmune disease. Although she received immediate emergency care she sustained irreversible brain damage. She was placed on life support until all of her family arrived. Forty-eight hours later Donna was removed from life support. A void remains in our family that can never be filled.

Donna's life did not consist of just her career, she was a loving wife and mother, a loving daughter and sister, a patient listener, a wonderful friend. Donna always had a smile and something nice to say about everyone. She is sadly missed.