



**Erine Theodorou Dandas, PhD.**

51, born January 5, 1956, has earned her place in heaven on September 15, 2007 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Over the past four years, she demonstrated strength, optimism and ultimately acceptance and was an inspiration to those around her. She was born in Detroit, MI and received her degrees from Wayne State University, Ball State University and University of Michigan and was in practice as the Lead Psychologist for Paradise Valley Unified School District. To her family she was the center of love, patience and tolerance. She gently guided, rarely scolded and always forgave. It is fitting that, in Greek, her name "Erine" means "peace". To her colleagues and friends, she was a dedicated mentor, a leader, and a motivator. She made sure all was well. To the children she cared for, she was a ray of hope. She took the art and the science of child psychology and added a large dose of compassion.

Erine's family is greatly indebted to the dedicated and caring medical team Erine so loved - especially Dr. Tom Dragovitch, nurses Sandy Kurtin and Nikki Barkett and all the staff at UMC and the Arizona Cancer Center. With God's guidance, they helped her beat the odds allowing her colleagues, friends, students and family to benefit from Erine's love and wisdom longer than anyone expected. We are also indebted to our Aunt Cleo and cousin Harriet, who loved, nursed and comforted us through tough times. Erine has joined her father, Theodore Theodorou, who is also remembered this week (9/18/2001). She is survived by her mother, Evangelia Theodorou, husband of 21 years, Gus Dandas, sister Anna Theodorou, brother Andy Theodorou (Maria) and a nephew and several nieces that she loved and mentored (Teddy, Angelina, Pennie and Lea). Many aunts, uncles and cousins throughout the world also survive her.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Monday, September 17, 2007 with a Trisagion Service at 7:00 p.m. at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 8202 E. Cactus Rd, Scottsdale. The Funeral will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. Interment will follow at Paradise Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, or to AZ Cancer Center, PO Box 245013, Tucson, AZ. 85724-5013.

Messinger Indian School Mortuary is handling the arrangements.

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