

OBITUARY



Ellen Elizabeth Fitzgibbon, 49, of Philadelphia, passed away Friday, June 8, 2018, after a brave, four-year battle with ovarian cancer. Born April 13, 1969, in Trenton, NJ, to John Gerald and Nancy Fitzgibbon, Ellen was the eldest of three daughters. She attended Hackettstown High School, followed by Smith College, where she graduated in 1991 with degrees in music and biology. She taught high school biology for four years before attending veterinary school at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1999. Since 2000, she had worked as a veterinarian at VCA Old Marple Veterinary Hospital in Springfield, PA. Strong, smart, independent, and adventurous, Ellen loved nature, world travel, and photography. After her ovarian cancer diagnosis, she combined these passions and founded Shooting for a Cure to support ovarian cancer research through the sale of her powerful photographs. She is survived by her mother, Nancy Fitzgibbon; sisters, Anne Fitzgibbon and Kate Callihan; brother-in-law, Patrick Callihan; niece, Meghan Callihan, and partner, Neil Dobson. Ellen was predeceased by her father, John Gerald Fitzgibbon. Relatives and friends are invited to Ellen's Memorial Service on Saturday, July 14 at 11:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Church, 140 East Mt. Airy Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19119. Contributions in memory of Ellen Fitzgibbon can be made to support ovarian cancer research at the Abramson Cancer Center at the University of Pennsylvania. Checks should be made payable to 'Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania' and mailed to Penn Medicine Development, Attn.: Carolyn Brown, 3535 Market St., Ste. 750, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

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