



Lisa Marie Wilusz

November 11, 1962 - April 11, 2017

Lisa Marie Wilusz, age 54, of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away on April 11, 2017 at Fairfax INOVA Hospital after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. She was the beloved wife of Daniel Wilusz of Alexandria to whom she had been married for twenty years.

Lisa was born in Olean, New York on November 11, 1962 and grew up in Manassas, Virginia. She graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School in 1981, and went on to graduate magna cum laude from James Madison University (JMU) in 1995 and as the top student in JMU's School of Business. She was the daughter of Donald William and the late Evelyn Jane (Williams) Mayer. Lisa had an impressive twenty-year career with the federal government that culminated with her serving in the Senior Executive Service as the Director of the Office of Procurement and Property Management with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Besides her husband, Daniel, Lisa leaves her son, Daniel Parrett (Ornawee "Goy") of Alexandria, Virginia; her daughter, Jocelyn Reschke (Dino) of Fredericksburg, Virginia; and her two grandchildren, Eva Reschke and Ben Parrett. Additionally, Lisa leaves her father, Donald Mayer of The Villages, Florida; brother, Rick Mayer (Jeanine) of Leesburg, Virginia; brother Rob Mayer (Alice) of Bristow, Virginia; sister, Amy Klein (Bob) of Gallatin, Tennessee; brother Don Mayer of Vienna, Virginia; "honorary sister", Dale Jepson (Andrew) of Manassas, Virginia; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and close friends.

Lisa was an avid reader and loved to travel, play games and shop for clothes

(much to Dan's dismay). But, her true passion was her family. Above all else, she cherished time spent with loved ones (not to mention, Diet Coke, popcorn and the occasional margarita). She was a mother, sister, friend and mentor; and a true example of a life well lived. We are all better for having known her. We love you, Lisa. We will always love you, and it will be impossible to fill the void your leaving has left in our hearts.

Visitation will be held on Monday, April 17, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and then again from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church, 6222 Franconia Road, Alexandria, Virginia with burial to follow at Mt. Comfort Cemetery in Alexandria. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network in Lisa's name. https://secure.pancan.org/site/Donation2?df_id=1520&1520.donation=form1

Tribute Wall



“ *Lisa Marie Wilusz*

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Lisa's family and colleagues. I had the pleasure of working with her and she was such a great champion for all who worked for her. She will be missed. May her soul rest in peace.*

April 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I never had the privilege of working with Lisa but did have the pleasure of being in her SES career development class. What really impressed me about Lisa is the extent to which so many of our classmates identified Lisa as the leader they would most like to work for. Lisa was a great leader and recognized as such by her peers. She will be sorely missed.*

April 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to Lisa's family. I had the pleasure of working for Lisa as part of the OPPM family, and knew her to be a caring and gracious person, and a wonderful leader. We will miss her very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

April 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *My most sincere condolences. Lisa was a wonderful person and it was truly a pleasure to work with and for her for so many years. We will miss Lisa. God bless your family.*

April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of working for Lisa at USDA. She always showed me kindness and understanding. She truly showed her love for people and wanted people to know she cared. Our OPPM Department is truly shocked and saddened by this sudden loss. My prayers go out to her husband, children and all her family and friends. May the fond memories you shared sustain you during this time of sorrow.*

April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Lisa's passing. I was so fortunate to have had the the opportunity to meet with Lisa at USDA to discuss the AbilityOne Program on several occasions. Her kindness and humble presence was a bright spot in the day.*

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“ *Lisa, I will miss you. You were a good friend. When you left "Customer Care" Lead Position with IAS, I was acting for you, and compared to you I guess, people called me the "Customer I don't Care" Lead.*

April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family, stay lifted in God's prayer.*

April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lisa and I met through her work at USDA where I quickly learned that she really, really loved Dan and her family, expressing much gratitude for her good fortune. I also learned that she was made from the same cloth as heroines. During one of the most difficult times in her life, I witnessed Lisa's faith, courage, grace, quiet strength, kindness and compassion. Her honesty and authenticity touched my heart and her passing has pierced it. I extend my deepest sympathies to Lisa's family. May you find eternal peace of mind and spirit.*

April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I had the good fortune of having worked with Lisa in her capacity as the Director of OPPM for USDA. However, my best memories are of our time together as classmates in the USDA SES Development program years ago. She was the consummate professional, and was the very example of integrity and hard work. But she was also caring, funny, and a terrific person who easily connected with others. USDA has lost an outstanding executive, and many of us have lost a good friend.*

April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I worked with Lisa at USDA and am very sad to hear about her passing. She was a kind and wonderful person. My prayers and condolences go to her family during this difficult time.*

April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ My most sincere sympathies to the Wilusz family and friends. Lisa was the consummate professional and USDA will miss her leadership. More importantly, Lisa was a friend you could depend on and a truly kind and generous person. She will be missed.

April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ This is very sad news. Lisa was a strong supporter of people with disabilities; a very kind soul. She will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincere condolences to the Wilusz family and friends. May god bless you all and keep you safe.

April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Wilusz Family: May God Keep You In His Care: May God bless you and your family each and every day. May he hear your every prayer, may he bless the family. May he bless you with his special LOVE.

April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart goes out to Lisa's family in this time of sorrow.

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“ Lisa you will be missed. God bless.

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“ I had the honor of working with Lisa for many years and ultimately she became a professional mentor, helping guide me through the Executive Potential Program. I consider her a friend and always held her in very high regard. It saddens me to lose her and my heart goes out her family. Just know that she had a positive impact on every life she touched and we will keep her alive in our memories.

April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I was a neighbor to Lisa when she lived in Toms Brook, Va and babysat her two beautiful children which was like family to me and my family. At the time, Lisa was a manager at the Mcdonald 's in Woodstock, she was caring to all the kids that worked there, I worked there too after school. Everyone loved her, she was someone who really cared about the kids there. For most of this kids, this was there first job and Lisa had a hand in help molding this kids who later, 28 years later became government employees, nurses, teachers, and one still in the coast guard, just the ones I know. She was a wonderful person and I am glad I had the chance to call her my friend. My thoughts and prayer to the rest of three family.

April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dan,
Very sorry to hear of your wife's death.

April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dan: Mark and I are so sorry for your loss. I was shocked to read your posting of her untimely death. Our thoughts and prayers are with and your family.

April 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked for another USDA agency and have had many opportunities to work with Lisa on various projects. Always enjoyed working with her. What a shock to hear of her passing. I lost my mother to this cancer too. I'm so sorry. God bless her family in this extremely tough time.

April 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dan and family: I was saddened and shocked to hear of Lisa's death. I had the honor to work with her and mentor her as she worked her way up the career ranks and was delighted when she was selected to replace me as Senior Procurement Executive when I moved on. She was a truly wonderful and inspirational human being. I am so sorry.

April 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Wilusz family: I am truly saddened to hear of Lisa's passing. I worked with her at USDA in the Procurement Systems Division many years ago. She was a very kind and wonderful person. May God bless you and bring you comfort in this difficult time.

April 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Sang and I are deeply saddened and shocked by Lisa's passing. Sang works at USDA, and I met Lisa in her role as the Vice Chairperson of the U.S. AbilityOne Commission where I am a staff member. Lisa was passionate about creating jobs for people who are blind or significantly disabled and exhibited a kind of grace that few ever can. It is so sad that someone so young was taken from us especially when Lisa had so much more to give. Rest in peace Lisa and one day, maybe, there will be a cure for this very treacherous disease.

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“ Lisa had class and grace, and always approached her job with deep dedication and commitment. She was a collaborator in even the toughest times. Most of all, she was a leader and friend. She and I shared many laughs and I admired her generous nature. I am so saddened by her sudden loss, yet I celebrate her full life and I'm thankful I knew her. Her family is in my prayers.
Edna Primrose, USDA Rural Development Agency

April 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Lisa's family. Such a deep and sudden loss. I respected Lisa and always enjoyed engagement with her at work. She was a light that will be missed. She cared about people. Much love,

April 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dan;
We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Lisa's family and friends. She was such a good and caring person. She will be greatly missed but not forgotten.

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“ *Lisa was a good friend and a one of kind employee during her days at DOT. One of the nicest people I ever had the pleasure of working with. All the best to her family.*

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“ *Our hearts are saddened by your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family!*

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“ *I had the privilege to work with Lisa, she was bright, collaborative, funny, and gracious. I was lucky to have crossed paths with her. She is already sorely missed. My heart goes out to her family and close friends. Peace be with you all.*

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“ *May God continue to keep your family, friends and loved ones in HIS unchanging HANDS.*

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“ *National Industries for the Blind expresses deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Lisa Marie Wilusz. Since her appointment to the AbilityOne Commission by President Obama in 2011, Lisa served as a valued colleague whose work helped people who are blind achieve economic and personal independence through meaningful employment.*
NIB appreciates Lisa’s years of dedicated service, her unyielding support for people who are blind, and the positive impact she had on our work together. She will be missed.

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“ *<https://uploads.disquscdn.c...> Dan:
I am speechless and heartbroken to hear of the immeasurable loss of the love of your life. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.*

April 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *<https://uploads.disquscdn.c...>
Heartfelt sympathies, thank you for your contributions and your love!
Roderica*

April 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *My most sincere and deepest sympathy to Ms. Wilusz' family and friends. May she dance among the stars and sing with the angels.*

April 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Condolences to Lisa's family. Lisa was a public servant in the truest sense of the words, loyal, honest hard working and tough. She spoke the truth to the most powerful political superiors and helped improve USDA in ways which will never be known to the public. She will be missed.*
Carole Jett, USDA Deputy Chief of Staff, retired

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“ *Genuine 'goodness' is a rarity and I thank Lisa for leading by example with integrity and humility. She has been, and will continue to be, a quiet inspiration for me and so many others over the years. I've seen her compromise when others wouldn't, fiercely stand for what was right, and show kindness when undeserved. And always, always with a perfect manicure. She will be sorely missed.*

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“ *Our sincerest condolences. The neighborhood will not be the same without her. J Blankenship and D Arnold (6662)*

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