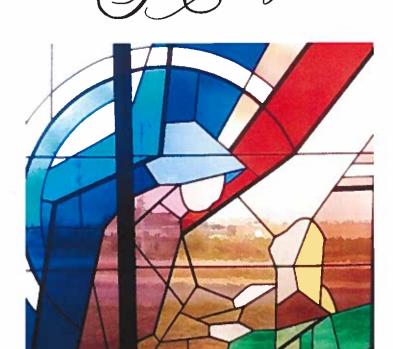
APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at Ashlea's visitation and funeral mass.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me Matthew 25:35

It was Ashlea's wish, for those who are able, to donate blood.

Online condolences can be shared at



Ashlea Rhea Betzen-Miyauchi



June 20, 1980 - November 24, 2019

Ashlea Rhea Betzen-Miyauchi was born June 20, 1980. She passed away, age 39, on Sunday, November 24, 2019 in the arms of her parents, Ted and Kathy Betzen.

Ashlea was an unexpected blessing to Ted and Kathy while Ted was still in Vet School at K-State. She was the beloved only-child for five wonderful years until she was quickly joined by Michael, Hillary, and Brianna Betzen. She quickly learned how to rule the roost and direct young ones around.

Ashlea had a life-long love of academia which led her to Coe College and eventually to Harvard Divinity School. Piles of books on physics and world religion seemed to follow her wherever she went. Travels brought her to Japan, where she taught English, and met her husband, Naoki Miyauchi. Up until the very end, she continued to teach English and share her love of learning at Missouri State University.

She combined her two passions, bossing people around and learning, into motherhood. Kay and Sho Miyauchi, her sons, will grow up to find a detailed quest laid out for them on how to find the buried treasure.