Welcome

In Memorium

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Amy Beumer, PhD.

Amy Beumer was one of the best human beings anyone has ever had the opportunity to know. She possessed an unwavering dedication to knowledge, truth, and the importance of making both accessible to others. In the classroom, through her advocacy, and in her personal relationships, she devoted her life to educating, uplifting, and improving the lives of those around her. Her legacy lives on in the countless students she inspired, the individuals and communities for whom she tirelessly advocated, and the family and friends whose lives were enriched by her love, wisdom, and unwavering support.

Amy advocated for METAvivor until her very last days. She made sure everyone lucky enough to know her knew there is no cure for MBC and that research is a matter of life and death. Her friends and family are continuing her advocacy by fundraising for METAvivor.

Holly Rider

A perennial in every sense, Holly Michele Rider filled the world with vibrant beauty, boisterous laughter, and a boundless enthusiasm for life. Like the gardens she lovingly tended, the seeds of love, passion, empathy, and compassion that she planted will bloom for generations.

Holly's career spanned three decades in gender-based violence prevention and response; health promotion in communities, on college campuses, and through digital education. She not only provided direct support to persons who had experienced trauma, she also engaged in advocacy, teaching, and research.

Holly was first treated for breast cancer in 2017, and Metastatic Breast Cancer when it reappeared in October 2023. Although her metastatic diagnosis forced an early retirement, Holly was committed to supporting persons affected by Metastatic Breast Cancer, teaching them how to advocate on their own behalf. As an active METAvivor Board Member, she promoted policy and research initiatives. She wrote and spoke about issues which impacted lives, on behalf of the Metastatic Breast Cancer community.