

Amy Michelle Asher

Amy Asher, 43, known to many friends as *Shel*, passed away on December 9, 2020 at her home following a seven-year ordeal with breast cancer. Amy was born on December 22, 1976 to parents Bob and Marie Asher and joined her older brother Bob Jr. Amy graduated from Park Hill High School, in the Kansas City, Missouri Northland in 1994. Following high school, she attended the University of Kansas in Lawrence before resuming her study of art at the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) in Savannah, Georgia. Amy returned to KU and earned her BA degree in 1998. Later, she earned a master's degree at UMKC. Along the way, she met Arian Gimbutas and they eventually married in 2007. Daughter Eliza joined the family on September 10, 2008.

In addition to creating her paintings, gallery showings and marketing many of her artwork pieces, Amy founded and operated landscaping design companies providing many Kansas City homesites with her unique style of landscape architecture until the progression and treatments of her cancer forced her into retirement and she became a full-time Mom and homemaker.

Amy loved to travel and all the more so after her diagnosis and unfavorable prognosis. During that time when she was able and felt good, she kayaked the Snake River in Wyoming; white water rafted the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, swam with the whales in Baja, California; sailed on her brother and sister-in-law's sailboat in the Bahamas, visited Disney World with Arian and Eliza; ate lobster and mussels on Prince Edward Island, Canada with her mother and daughter; and several other exciting and fun trips. Amy was not one to let some little thing like stage 4 cancer hold her down. She had many wonderful friends who helped by providing their frequent flyer miles, lodging reward points, and companionship.

Amy is survived by her husband Arian and 12-year-old daughter Eliza Gimbutas of the home; her parents, Bob and Marie Asher; her brother Bob Asher Jr. (Renee); all of Kansas City, Missouri. Also, her husband's family from Wilmington, Delaware; some of whom traveled to Kansas City to assist during Amy's final days.

The Family would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to Dr. Qamar Kahn and the entire group at the University of Kansas Hospital Cancer Center; Dr. Daniel Booser, consulting oncologist from the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston; the North Kansas City Hospice Group, as well as all of those who have provided their support and love for Amy and her family.

The family regrets they will not be able to greet friends and well-wishers due to the current public health concerns, however, a celebration of Amy's life will be scheduled at a later date.