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Chesapeake - Surrounded by her adoring husband and loving children, Pamela Merriwether Zwemer, 56, passed away peacefully in her home on January 2, 2015. Pamela Jo, born to Duncan Charles and Lucyle Tingle Merriwether in West Chester, PA, pursued a BS at Dartmouth College, where she found her two life-long loves: mathematics and husband-to-be, Weare Zwemer. Throughout her 18-year career as a mathematics teacher and department chair at Oscar Smith High School, she was a celebrated educator, 2002 Chesapeake Teacher of the Year, tutor in the Get Smart program, captain of her Relay for Life team, fervent football fan, and inspiration to countless youth. Pam was diagnosed with [breast cancer](#) in 2000. After eight years in remission, she was diagnosed with metastatic disease. Since then, she has lived gracefully, vibrantly, and mindfully, teaching till 2012. She loved pottery, the ocean, photography, new experiences, and most importantly, being with friends and with her family. She will be celebrated and remembered with joy by her husband, Weare; her son, Eric, and his wife, Lillian; her daughter, Samantha, and her husband, Brandon; her granddaughter, Charlotte; and her mother, father, step-mother, sister and brother, and their spouses.

All are invited to her memorial service, to be held at 3 pm on Saturday, January 10th, at Great Bridge Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, her family requests donations to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, in Boston, Massachusetts, which can be made at <http://www.dana-farber.org/How-to-Help.aspx>.

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