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## BETH ORLOWSKY OBITUARY

**B**eth Leatrice Orłowsky, age 57 passed away surrounded by family at her home in Minnetonka September 16, 2021.

### Visitation

Friday, September 24 from 4-7pm. St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 9201 Normandale Blvd. Bloomington

### Memorial Service

Saturday, September 25 at 11am also at St. Michael's followed by a reception with light refreshments. The memorial will be livestreamed @ [www.smlcb.org](http://www.smlcb.org) click "Watch Service Live".

Beth was a wife, mother, daughter, sister, educator, author, athlete, friend, listener, and most importantly a disciple of Jesus Christ. She was born November 2, 1963 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She married the love of her life, David Orłowsky July 19, 1986 in Chaska, Minnesota. Beth grew up in Wisconsin and Illinois before moving to Chaska in 1976. She graduated from Chaska High School, Gustavus Adolphus College and obtained her master's degree from Minnesota State University. For many years she taught French to students at Minnetonka High School, Buffalo High Schools & Oak Grove Middle School in Bloomington.

Beth inspired and encouraged many people throughout her life. Her impact on those she knew, and those she never even met, endures through her published book Fearless and Free: Living with Peace and Joy through Stage 4 Cancer. She was a person of strong faith. She was a bright light wherever she was, and her strength emanated to those around her making everyone stronger and better.

She is survived by her husband David Orłowsky, their children Nicholas (Christina) Orłowsky, Alexandra Orłowsky, Jacob Orłowsky, and soon to be born first grandchild. She is also survived by her parents Victor and Diane Haen, her sisters Victoria (Eugene) Adler, Julia (Jeff) Morton and Heather (Peter) Anderson, her mother-in-law Barbara Orłowsky, her sister-in-law Sharlene Orłowsky, and brother-in-law Steven (Fabiola) Orłowsky, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and life long friends. She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Ralph Orłowsky.

Loving, thoughtful, generous, smart and funny, she brightened our lives!

Memorials preferred to: Beth Orłowski Scholarship Fund

A scholarship to help support a Minnetonka High School French student attend college will honor Beth's legacy of service and love of her students. How to contribute:

Venmo: Beth-Orłowski-Scholarship-Fund (if needed last 4-digits of phone # 2238)

GoFundMe Page: [www.gofundme.com/f/beth-orłowski-scholarship-fund](http://www.gofundme.com/f/beth-orłowski-scholarship-fund)

Personal Check: Made out to Dave Orłowski, in the memo indicate "c/o Beth Orłowski Scholarship Fund" (mail to 16525 Canterbury Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55345 OR drop-off at service)

Beth was an incredible ray of sunshine and her positive and warm presence permeated everything she did and everyone with whom she interacted. She cared about her students as people and built deep and authentic relationships. Her students loved her and her desk had a special folder of many cards and notes thanking her for being not only a great French teacher but also a great person. Her classroom was filled with, of course, French, but also joy, laughter, energy, and encouragement--in particular, from Beth.

As members of a school community, we leave a legacy in each student with whom we interact. Beth leaves a legacy of kindness, inspiration, curiosity of learning and different cultures, and, to be honest, one of the strongest senses of purpose and determination I've seen. ~ Jeff Erickson (Minnetonka High School Principal)

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