



Dr. Jennifer (Dempsey) Wallberg

November 20, 1968 - May 18, 2019

Dr. Jennifer Dempsey Wallberg passed away peacefully at The Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain on Saturday, May 18, 2019, after a short but brave struggle against pancreatic cancer. Jenn was born November 20, 1968 in Hartford, the daughter of Alexandra (Duff) Dempsey of Berlin and the late Paul L. Dempsey. She attended Berlin public schools, and was a proud member of Berlin High School's Class of 1987. She received her Bachelor's Degree from St. Joseph's College in West Hartford before enrolling in the Communication Disorders program at Southern Connecticut State University; it was there she discovered her calling within the field of Audiology. She earned her Master's Degree in May, 1995, and shortly afterward began her long association with The Hearing Center in Ansonia. Beginning as a staff Audiologist, she developed a reputation as a dedicated and caring practitioner, eventually becoming the Owner and Director of Audiology in February, 2003. Later that year, she earned her Doctoral Degree in Audiology from the A.T. Still University School of Health Sciences in Arizona.

Jenn was a member of the American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association; a Fellow and active member of the American Academy of Audiology; and a Founding Member of the Connecticut Academy of Audiology, for which she served as Treasurer for many years. In addition, she held a Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology and earned several awards for Continuing Education from ASHA. Jenn furthered her professional ambitions when she acquired a second Audiology practice – Comprehensive Hearing in Cheshire – in July, 2015. She effectively balanced her work life between the two offices, continuing her commitment to her patients' well-being. It was Jenn's wish to make a positive impact within her profession; shortly before her passing, she said, "I hope I made a difference within the Audiology community." She accomplished this through her two offices, with her compassion for her patients, and through her advocacy for better hearing health practices.

In February, 2002, Jenn met the love of her life, William J. Wallberg, and they were married on May 10, 2003. The couple settled in Southington, where they built a home and raised two beautiful daughters, Caroline Dorothy and Emily Alexandra. Jennifer was a

loving and caring mother, all while pursuing various activities outside of her profession. She was an active member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New Britain, where she served on the Church Vestry and the Altar Guild as well as teaching Sunday School classes. Jenn became involved in the Derynoski Elementary School PTO as soon as her children began attending school. She was a vital and energetic PTO member, serving as a Room Mom and an Activities Coordinator; Jenn organized Family Fun Nights and numerous fundraising activities as well as performing hearing screenings for students.

Jenn is survived by her mother, her loving husband, and her two young daughters. In addition, Jenn leaves two brothers: Jon Dempsey and his wife Amy of Berlin, and Jason Dempsey and his wife Chandanee of Rocky Hill. Jenn also leaves a large extended family of brothers- and sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces, cousins, and a very large circle of professional colleagues and close friends – particularly the Friends of Alice – all of whom loved her deeply and will miss her dearly. Her passing leaves a large hole in all of their lives which can never be completely filled.

Jenn's family gives grateful thanks to the doctors, nurses, and support staff at both the Hartford Healthcare Cancer Institute and The Hospital of Central Connecticut at New Britain; their compassion and tireless commitment to quality patient care eased Jenn's concerns and made her more comfortable during her final illness.

Funeral services will take place on Saturday, May 25 at the former St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 147 West Main Street, New Britain. Burial will follow in Maple Cemetery, Berlin. Calling hours are Friday 4 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family to support the care and education of Jennifer's two daughters. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Maple Cemetery

Worthington Ridge
Berlin, CT 06037

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 24. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home
45 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051
(860) 225-6361
carlsonfh@aol.com
<https://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 25. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Mark's Episcopal Church
147 W Main St
New Britain, CT 06052
(860) 225-7634

Tribute Wall

WB

“ Jennifer was a deeply caring and professional person. I enjoyed her great sense of humor and depth of knowledge when she consulted with me in my school district. She will be missed by all that knew her and worked with her. My sincere condolences to her family.

Wanda Breuer

SLP

Wanda Breuer - July 16, 2019 at 07:05 PM

JD

“ Jennifer has left us all with priceless memories of herself, of her care and concern for others, and of her warm and kind spirit. Those of us who got to know her, whether personally or through her profession, are better for it. My heartfelt condolences go out to her husband, her beloved daughters, her mom, her brothers, and all who knew her, who loved her, and who held her in high regard. I am heartbroken that she has passed, but feel fortunate to have met her {through the Hearing Center}. She made such a difference in my life in more ways than one.

Joan Demaine

Joan Demaine - July 07, 2019 at 11:40 AM

KM

“ Dr Jen took care of my parents and then me. She was such a vibrant beautiful person. My sincere condolences to her family, I am so very sorry for your loss. 🌸
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Karen Mandeville - July 06, 2019 at 10:04 AM

TS

“ Dr. Walberg gave me the quality in my life back by giving me the ability to hear well again. Her humor will be truly missed as we joked while having my hearing test. Jen this is not goodbye but until we meet again.

Tom Lewoc Sr. - June 21, 2019 at 05:33 AM

CH

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Jennifer's passing. I started going to see her in Ansonia years ago. I was delighted to get reconnected with her just last fall here in Cheshire. She always had a friendly smile and was always very helpful to me with regard to my hearing loss. She truly made a difference in my life.

Chris - June 19, 2019 at 04:10 PM

BS

“ I met Dr. Jenniffer Wallberg at the Cheshire, CT Fall Festival. Even though I was aware that I had a hearing loss, I was reticent to take any action. But when I met Dr. Wallberg at a booth there a couple of years ago, she had a compassionate, warm, way about her and I thankfully followed through to become her patient. Our visits have always been friendly and I shared with her that I was a Speech Pathology Student at SCSU, so I had a background in Audiology. (She told me that it was okay for me to be a part-time hearing aid wearer since it would not affect my hearing loss, per her test). She wanted me to call her Jenn and went out of her way to be caring, responsive, while making me feel that whatever I did, would be okay. She treated everyone with this compassion. I found her a new patient, who immediately liked her also. When the new patient told her that my Sheltie (Trevor) passed away, she immediately sent me a condolence card, as she met Trevor (a therapy dog) in her office. This is the way she was and how special she could be. It was a terrible shock to me today to learn of her loss, and I wish I was aware earlier that Dr. Wallberg was ill, as I would have liked to help her. Very sorry that she was taken from us and there will be a void there that no one could fulfill. Rest in peace Dr. Wallberg, best wishes for your family, and thank you for your contribution to everyone you touched in your short but meaningful life....

Breina Schain

Breina Schain - June 18, 2019 at 04:50 PM

BK

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. My name is Beth. I first got to know Jenn when I started losing my hearing. She was such a loving and caring person. I felt like I was going to visit a friend when I went to see her at the Center in Ansonia. She was just the kind of person who put you at ease the minute you met her. She was so proud of her daughters and such a happy person. The world lost a better piece of itself when she passed.

Beth Kremmel - June 08, 2019 at 09:54 PM

TG

“ Jenn and I were classmates at Southern during our audiology program. I will remember her with a good sense of humor and sarcasm. It has been a number of years since I saw her and looks like she has done great things in the shortened time that she had here.

My thoughts are with your family. My condolences.

*Todd Gibson, Au.D.
Class of 96 SCSU*

Todd M Gibson - May 30, 2019 at 01:03 PM

IL

“ For years I have sat in front of Jenn and her mother Sandy at St. mark's church. They were always there and their smiles said everything about them and their commitment to the people of St. Mark's She has left us far too soon. She will be greatly missed. However, we should be grateful for her devoted service to the church.

Ian Lucas - May 24, 2019 at 01:12 PM

CT

“ To the Dempsey and Wallberg families, I will always remember Jenn being her camp counselor years ago and a Kensington resident. My sincere condolences to all of you. May you find comfort with the memories and many of accomplishments of Jenn.

Claudia Michalak Turcotte

Claudia Michalak Turcotte - May 24, 2019 at 09:45 AM

DO

“ My deepest condolences to your family

Dorina Ademi



Dorina - May 21, 2019 at 01:15 PM

AC

“ I have worked with The Hearing Center for my industrial hearing test needs for many years as the Director of Facilities at Alinabal, Inc. (Retired). Jennifer was always able to make it easy. My sympathy to the family and others who were close to her.

Alan Chapin

Alan Chapin - May 21, 2019 at 10:49 AM

CP

“ Jen was more than just my audiologist, she was a friend as well. I will miss her. My sympathy and prayers go to her and the family. May she be at peace. Carol Pendagast

Carol Pendagast - May 20, 2019 at 07:40 PM

DP

“ We've been friends with Jenn for 30 years, which is pretty much when the Alice Group was born! Jenn was always thoughtful and generous. We will miss her dearly.



Dave Pestillo - May 20, 2019 at 04:47 PM

AS

“ Andee S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Dr. Jennifer (Dempsey) Wallberg.



Andee S. - May 20, 2019 at 04:22 PM

AS

“ My sincere condolence to your family.
Andee Scallion



andee scallion - May 20, 2019 at 04:15 PM

KD

“ So glad my path crossed with Jenn's years ago through our daughter's volleyball practices. I enjoyed chatting, laughing and chatting some more with her whenever I saw her around town. Jenn was one of the true, honest, loyal, compassionate friends that you don't come across so easily anymore in this world. She was a wonderful mother and shared with me many an experience about the importance of advocating fiercely for my children in our town. She will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to Bill, the girls and Jenn's entire family.
Rest in peace, my friend. 🕊️🌸💜

Kristin Dobransky - May 20, 2019 at 02:46 PM

RH

“ Such a huge loss to many people. I'm so sorry. Prayers to the Wallberg family.

Roberta Desell (Elena Hanson) - May 20, 2019 at 02:21 PM