



# Allison Sisk

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**O**n November 22, 2024 Allison Marie Sisk, 61, passed away peacefully at her home in New Market Maryland.

Allison was born on November 30, 1962 at Providence Hospital in Washington, DC to Patricia and Edward Sisk. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Thornhill, sons Thomas Edward (Teddy) and William Thomas (Will), daughter-in-laws Cathy and Katie, granddaughter, Vivianne, and sister, Jamie Bisset.

After graduating from Frederick High School, Allison attended University of Maryland, Baltimore County and then finished her Bachelor's degree in Medical Technology at the University of Maryland Baltimore. Later she earned her Masters in Business Administration from Strayer University.

Allison's career began as a research assistant at the University of Maryland Hospital and then after taking time to care for her mother, she began work at Life Technologies. In 1994, Allison started her long career with Howard Hughes Medical Institute as a procurement analyst. In 2001 until the time of her passing, Allison served as a Senior Science Operations Manager overseeing the day to day operations for a plethora of research projects on both the east coast and west coast. Because of her dedication to scientific research, strong leadership skills, and commitment to mentorship, many will continue to "trust the science" and change the world.

Allison enjoyed traveling with her husband and family. Whether she was sightseeing in Europe or hiking in Yellowstone, she was always up for an adventure or even a night time ghost tour. She always loved football but learned to love baseball, soccer, and hockey with the help of her husband and boys. Most of all, Allison loved to ride horses. She became a student of the sport at the age of seven and continued to hone her craft throughout her life.

Allison will be greatly missed by those whose lives she touched with her kindness.



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A private family mass service is planned. There will be a celebration of life event in the spring, information will be forthcoming. In lieu of flowers to the family, please donate to the Days End Farm Horse Rescue in honor of Allison.



## Tribute Wall

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MY

**Martha Yamak** posted:

I've known Allison for close to 30 years. She always had something fun or encouraging to share. And she always made time to listen, regardless of what she was going through. There are so many memories – exercising with Days of Our Lives playing in the background, pictures of family vacations. One memory, though, I will never forget. Some years ago, my family risked losing everything on a business venture. In the thick of it, when I wasn't sure how it would turn out, Allison sensed something was wrong and when I confided in her, she told me, "Martha, you and your family will always have a home. You all come move in with us." Things turned around and we landed on our feet, but I will never forget her generous offer, her kindness, her genuine caring for others, and what comfort she gave me knowing that I had such a friend. Allison, to be a friend such as you have been. I miss you greatly and know you can hear me on the other side, so I thank you! Thank you for all the memories, all the fun times. Thank you for sharing and shining your love, light and life on us all.

January 9 at 7:52 AM

LJ

**Leslie Jefferson** posted:

I loved chatting with Allison at work. She was a lovely lady. We would talk about travel and how much we looked forward to our next trip. Hoping that fond and loving memories sustain her family. Leslie Jefferson

December 18 at 3:40 PM

TV

**Tracy Vormack** posted:

My heart and prayers go out to the entire family. I have so much to be thankful for because I was able to call Allison a good friend. The memories of our friendship will stay with me forever.

December 10 at 3:56 AM

JK

**John P Kennedy** lit a candle in honor of Allison.

Many of my favorite times were sitting before the fireplace and/or side rooms off the lobby of HHMI conference center and having late night conversations with Allison. They often were stories of Tom and the boys, sometimes about her love of horses. Always a special time for me.



December 7 at 11:49 AM



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**Christine Reicker** posted:

I work in an HHMI lab on the Stanford University campus. Allison was our SSO. She was one of the nicest people I have ever worked with. I was saddened and stunned to hear of her sudden passing. I am glad to have known her. To her family: I truly believe that her spirit will visit, and you will know it is she.

December 6 at 2:58 PM

BK

**Brenda K.** posted:

I'm truly sorry for your loss. Please know that Allison meaningfully touched many lives throughout her short time here on earth. I got to know her through work in California. She spoke of horses, thrift stores, and her growing family. She loved her grandbaby and was very happy to have returned home. She was very compassionate and helped me through a tough time when my father was in Hospice. She shared stories of her own journey with her parents. She cared for everyone in her circle, for their wellbeing. Her loss will be felt by many for a long time.

December 6 at 2:56 PM

KC

**Kathy Connolly** posted:

My heart breaks for Tom, Jamie and your families. Allison always valued time with family and friends. She had such a big heart and beautiful smile. When you spent time with Allison, it was like you were the center of her attention. She will be greatly missed .

December 4 at 4:05 AM

MD

**Melissa Duboyce** posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss, a loss our family also feels deeply. Allison had a way of making everyone feel extra special. On my way to visit Patrick in Hawaii, Allison not only let me crash at her apartment in California; she also took off work for me and treated me to one of the best days I ever had! I put my feet in the Pacific Ocean for the first time, went to Alcatraz, toured all around San Francisco, and drove through the prettiest countryside to her barn. We ate out at funky restaurants, window shopped in Half Moon Bay, and were serenaded by "Elvis." She knew I hadn't ever traveled much and made sure I was comfortable. It will always be a treasured memory for me. Allison had the biggest, kindest heart and cared deeply for everyone in her life. I'm thankful I was lucky enough to know her. I will truly miss her so very much.

December 2 at 3:39 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Allison by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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