



## Raelinn M. Spiekhout MD

November 30, 1971 - August 12, 2017

Raelinn M. Spiekhout, MD - 45 of Bourbonnais, IL passed away at home on August 12, 2017, as a result of a prolonged illness, injuries, and complications. Education and reading were her passions along with sports, until such time as she was unable to participate. She attended Iliana Christian High School and graduated from Chicago Lab School. Her further education includes Illinois Institute of Technology with a degree in Chemical Engineering Degree. Her medical degree was from the Chicago Medical School. Her residency in Internal Medicine was at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

Dr. Spiekhout practiced medicine in Carmel, IN. For many years Dr. Spiekhout and her late husband Fred Simmons resided in Zionsville, IN. Additionally, she worked in various community oriented practices.

She was preceded in death last year by her Brother, Sgt. John A. Spiekhout. Dr. Spiekhout's father, James DeSalvo, grandparents, Pearl and Raymond Falkenthal, and Uncle Gary Falkenthal. She is survived by her mother, Raelynn Roman, Sister – Gina Minga (Phil), Katie Tierney, fiancée of the late John Spiekhout, her Godson and nephew, Joseph Minga. Additional nephews are Sammy Spiekhout, Michael Minga; nieces: Lauren Minga, Megan, Amy, Katie Falkenthal and uncle Thomas (Laurel) Falkenthal. Her other siblings include Teri Lynn Shaperio, Stephen (Patty) Spiekhout, Wayne Spiekhout, Jr. (Darcy) Special Cousins Shawn Terrance, and Judy Green, as well as a very large family of cousins. Additionally, her life-long friend, Brad Eenigenburg and

family will celebrate her life.

Cremation rites were accorded and a private interment will be held. No public visitation or services will be held. Please send cards of condolences to her mother in lieu of flowers or donations of any kind.

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ Raelynn,

*I considered Raelinn a friend; as well as my doc. Raelinn was one of the smartest and most caring ladies I have ever met. Doctors don't get any better than your daughter. I'll always remember the time she and I went to Starbucks on a Wednesday afternoon for 3 hours. She talked about her brother ~ and I see he is gone, too. I think the connection with Raelinn and me was she said I reminded her of you. It seems like you and I are the same age.*

*She was my Mom's doctor, too. The main reason we met she wanted to take more time to talk to me about Mom than office hours would allow. I had met Fred one time when I went over to their home to pick up a DNR/DNI order for Mom.*

*A week before we lost Mom my husband and I took her to see Raelinn. She said Mom's little body was shutting down it was time to admit her into St. Vincent's Hospice. She got down on one knee and told her she loved her, gave her a kiss, hugged her and said goodbye. This was in 2008. Raelinn helped Mom, John and I through the difficult process of losing someone we loved more than life itself. I will always be grateful for her friendship.*

*My heart goes out to you. You are an amazing woman (as well) to have raised Raelinn to be such an outstanding woman. She will be missed by many!*

*Love, Sue (Hamm)*

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**Sue Hamm** - August 27, 2017 at 02:28 PM

CL

“ *You and your family are in my prayers.*  
*Connie Lambert*

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**Connie Lambert** - August 26, 2017 at 11:33 AM

JS

“ *Raelynn,*  
*I don't know if you will remember me, but we met once or twice in the Carmel (DMC) office. One of the best memories of Rae was the night my husband and I went to their house (Rae and Fred's) before Christmas the first year she worked with us. What a totally enjoyable evening.*  
*I send prayers and comfort your way. May you find the peace of God's loving arms around you as you work through these difficult days*  
*Jana Swanson, NP*  
*Diagnostic Medicine of Carmel*

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**Jana Swanson** - August 20, 2017 at 11:32 AM

 Janet  
Lalor

“ *The first memory I have of Raelinn was when we were playing together at your first home. I kept wanting to touch her birthmark because it was so vivid but was told repeatedly not to. I also have so many fond memories of staying overnight at your Spiekhout home. We played a lot and I loved to listen to her play the piano. I remember when she got cancer as a child and wanted to visit but couldn't because I might get her sick. So much pain for one lifetime. I am sorry she is gone but I am thankful she isn't hurting anymore.*

*My heartfelt deepest sympathy goes out to your family. No parent or family should have to endure this much heartbreak.*

*Love and strong hugs to you,  
your cousin,  
Janet Lalor*

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**Janet Lalor** - August 18, 2017 at 01:08 PM

DW

“ *There really are no words ... Rae was a very special soul, a rare gem in a world where such precious souls are often overlooked or taken for granted. My heart aches for Rae's family - I know how much she loved you all, as she spoke of each of you with such pride -- as I know they have experienced such depth of loss over the last several years. May the knowledge that Rae touched folks so deeply with her genuine care for them, her willingness to advocate for them in the face of her own health battles, her sense of humor, and her compassion and willingness to serve, bring her family comfort. Godspeed to Rae and may peace fill your hearts knowing that the next leg of her journey will be a care-free and pain-free.*

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**Deb Wolfe** - August 18, 2017 at 07:41 AM

RP

“ My sympathy to you for your loss of both of your children. I cannot imagine the depth of your heartbreak at this time. Words here cannot begin to describe my sincere regrets to you. You know I will always care. Dick Panozzo

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**Richard J. Panozzo** - August 17, 2017 at 08:03 AM

SG

“ I first met Raelinn in a grocery store parking lot. It turned out to be one of the best days of my life. Raelinn shared her phone number, and it occurred to me that I could really like this girl. As Raelinn revealed her intellect, sense of humor, warmth and caring I was drawn to her and discovered she was more than likeable; Raelinn is one of the most loveable and genuine people I have ever had the privilege of knowing.  
Farewell, my friend. Enjoy the journey.  
Love to you,  
Sharon

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**Sharon Guest** - August 17, 2017 at 03:26 AM

KC

“ I remember meeting Raelinn many years ago while working for her mother when they lived in Flossmoor. Thought she was the most sassiest down to earth person u could ever meet! I'm in shock over this . So sorry to here this my thoughts go out to her mom and sister Gina



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**kathy ciszek** - August 16, 2017 at 05:50 PM

RL

“ MY SPECIAL FRIEND, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED AND ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART! Raelynn, so sorry, i will always be there for you LOVE YOU



*Ronda & David Long*

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**Ronda Long** - August 16, 2017 at 05:41 PM

KG

“ So, so sorry raelynn. You and your family are in my prayers.  
*Kathy Goers*

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**Kathy Goers** - August 16, 2017 at 04:34 PM

TC

“ Raelynn, words cannot express how sorry we are for your loss.



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**Tom & Kathy Caise** - August 16, 2017 at 04:29 PM

ST

*Raelynn, Gina, Phill and family,  
No words can take away the pain and sorrow. I miss her so much.  
Please know you are all in our prayers. I want to be there for you so  
give me a hint when I need to come home. Or Bob will (gasp) put me  
on a plane. Love and hugs to you all. We love you!  
Shawn and Bob*

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**shawn tarrence-brown** - August 17, 2017 at 08:06 PM

SA

*Raelinn was the most caring and competent physician I ever had. May she rest in peace.*

*Suzanne Auscherman*

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**Suzanne Auscheran** - August 20, 2017 at 11:38 AM

DW

*Reflecting upon a book received as a gift a few years past, "On A Life Well Spent" by Cicero. Doesn't that title sum up Raelinn's life? A life well lived. We will all grieve, of course, but there is so very much to celebrate and give praise for in her life. Some lives may be destined to be lived so that they can be an example for us to follow, so that we are able to see what courage can enable us to be  
Jesus said it and it is the mantra of the Infantry, "Follow me". Raelinn invites us to live well and live with courage.*

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**Dwight** - August 21, 2017 at 07:26 PM