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*SUSAN COWHEY POWERS (1962-2003)*  
*LdM Class of 1980*

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Susan M. Powers, 40, an active advocate for organ donation, died Jan. 22 in Rochester, Minn., due to complications from liver failure.

A Deerfield native, Mrs. Powers worked for Walgreen Co. for 17 years, most recently as a corporate trainer for the company's Walgreens Health Initiatives division. As a tireless advocate for organ donation, she spoke frequently on the subject, most recently in September at a meeting for Walgreen corporate employees. Mrs. Powers counseled dialysis patients at Highland Park Hospital and served on the women's board of the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois.

Her interest in this organ donation was personal: Mrs. Powers had lupus and underwent two kidney donations herself, one from her father and another from an unrelated donor. She also had a liver transplant.

"Lupus had played its destructive forces with Susan, but it could never destroy her spirit," says Ed King, director of government and community relations at Walgreen Co. "I knew Susan for almost 20 years and her optimism was contagious. By sharing her story with others, she touched hundreds of people and convinced many of them to consider organ donation."

In addition to her husband, Mark, Mrs. Powers is survived by her parents, William P. Cowhey and Audrey Schneider Cowhey; her brother, William P. Cowhey Jr.; her in-laws, Bill and Penny Powers, Lake Forest; and her sisters, Marianne McGauley and Kathleen Strombeck.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 25 at Holy Cross Church in Deerfield.