



Jo-Ann M. Colburn

May 5, 2015

Jo-Ann M. Colburn, of Foster, RI, age 50, passed away on May 5, 2015 at RI Hospital surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of Eric Colburn. They had been married for 29 years. In addition to her husband, she is survived by the loves of her life, her three sons, Alexander Colburn, Nathan Colburn and Kevin Colburn. She is also survived by her three sisters, Deborah Breault, Christine Larson and Jennifer Dougan. She was the daughter of and survived by Ann Hildebrand and the late Robert Williams. Born in Providence, RI, she graduated high school from Norwich Free Academy and studied at what is now Three Rivers Community College, both in Norwich, CT. Jo-Ann was a business owner and entrepreneur, being one of the founding Partners of Colburn Strategic Partners, Inc. and Executive Vice President of Foster Survey Company. She also wrote online about family, wellness and the perils of Lyme disease, particularly when misdiagnosed as another disease, which happened to her. Not only did she develop strong relationships among her circle of friends within the Lyme disease communities she joined or started, but she helped hundreds of people (at least) from around the world learn more about Lyme disease, its symptoms and diagnosis. On her journey, she showed her family, friends and connections world-wide how to live with grace and hope while enduring chronic illness. She loved being a mom above all, the joyful commotion of her three children, her gardens, and the tranquility of life in the country. Jo-Ann also enjoyed music, particularly when played by her sons, and had many artistic talents including writing, singing, painting and

photography. A Memorial Service to which relatives and friends are invited will be held Friday, May 22th at 10AM in the Winfield & Son™s Funeral Home, 571 West Greenville Road, Scituate, RI. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Jo-Ann™s memory to the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society (ILADS) at <http://ilads.org/>.