

**In Memoriam**

Elizabeth Anne (Drey) Forkin

March 21, 1971 to January 11, 2022

Elizabeth Anne (Drey) Forkin, Esq. passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday January 11, 2022. Liz was a kind, loyal, thoughtful, and compassionate woman of character. Whether in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Hawaii, Virginia, California, or North Carolina, she had an immeasurable impact on those who she came into contact with over the years. She was a moral exemplar and role model to all who knew her. As a wife and mother, she was everything to her family. She created a unique LinkedIn profile which captures the essence of who she was as a person:

“Whether it was my first waitressing job, being a lawyer, a budget analyst, a volunteer, a mom, or a wife, I have always tried to give 100%. What's the point in doing anything if you aren't going to give 100%? As a Marine Spouse, I've had a unique experience. I could have chosen to live in quite the military bubble. Instead, in every location, I have jumped in with two feet to immerse myself in the non-military community and to have our family be an important and contributing member of that community. Our company and my non-profit are built around that broad concept of taking care of your community - Semper Sozo means always looking out for others. Semper Communitas means always community.”

Liz grew up in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania before attending Albright College (double-majoring in Mathematics and Political Science) and then Villanova School of Law, where she met her husband, Keith. They were married in September 2000. During Liz's twenty years of marriage, she was a devoted wife, best friend, partner, and soulmate to her husband. She was a loving, caring, and committed mother to her four children, Alden, Ella, Slade, and Rowan. She was diligent beyond measure in raising her children and was always there for them. Bam – Mom's the Bomb.

As an attorney, Liz was a consummate professional in and out of the courtroom. As a friend, she was true and real. Her sage advice was unparalleled. She had a unique and innate ability to bring perspective on life and lived and loved her life to the fullest. She adored traveling (especially to Saint John, USVI), reading and learning history, watching movies with her family, gardening, hiking, being outdoors, and dog walks with her favorite Forkin - Tilly Lee – her beloved white Labrador puppy.

She was also the Founding President of the mother-daughter philanthropic organization, National Charity League, Sea Turtle Chapter, here in Wilmington, North Carolina in 2017. Through her innovative leadership, she grew the chapter from 0 to over 200 members who have given over 10,000 hours of volunteering in the local Wilmington community. She has been an inspiration to a generation of mothers and young women. She then founded her own non-profit, Semper Communitas, to support the three pillars of family, environment, and veterans. This non-profit has grown exponentially over the last two years and is singularly focused on our community. Finally, she was the founder and Chief Operating Officer of Semper Sozo Inc., a data analytics and distribution company that focuses on medical logistics.

Liz is survived by her mother, Mary Anne Drey, her sister, Nicole Drey, her brother, Richard Drey, her four children, and her husband.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Semper Communitas at www.sempercommunitas.org