



## Katherine Louise Dolese

October 6, 1983 - December 18, 2023

Katherine Louise Dolese, born October 6, 1983, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on December 18, 2023. Katie is survived by her husband of 15 years, Drew Guajardo, their children Rebecca Therese and Charlie Ann Marie, parents Maureen Riley Dolese and Tyrus Dolese, Jr. (Helaine), siblings Ty (Paulette), Ryan (Angela) and Emily (Taylor), numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister, Rebecca Elise, grandparents Maurice and Dorothy Riley and Tyrus and Doris Dolese.

Katie, an alumna of Ursuline Academy, graduated from UNO and had a successful career in the film industry as a location coordinator in New Orleans working on films and shows such as Girls Trip, G.I. Joe, Jack Reacher and NCIS New Orleans. She forged lasting friendships throughout her 17 years in the industry.

A lover of life, Katie lived hers to the fullest each day. For years she participated in and led Zumba classes, worked out beside Drew and with friends and enjoyed eating sushi with her daughters. There was never a dull moment with Katie around as she was always the life of the party – singing, dancing and talking shit – Katie never met a stranger. She always looked for the best in people.

A true 'New Orleans Lady' one of her favorite hobbies was eating lunch and talking about dinner. When ordering... remember WWKD – what would Katie do... OVER ORDER! During Mardi Gras, she was a committed reveler, parade

route bartender and non-stop dancer. Katie could have fun all by herself but was never alone.

Since her diagnosis in August, Katie fought bravely against an extremely rare form of cancer all the while remaining tenacious keeping a positive spirit throughout her battle. She received constant, loving care and support from her family, close friends and the 'Poinsetta Sittas'. The family appreciates all the love and support shown to Katie and her family throughout her illness.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2024 beginning at 2:00 PM at Lakeside Country Club, 1520 Rose Garden Drive. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Savannah Smiles - <https://www.savannah-smiles.org/> in Katie's name. Arrangements entrusted to L.A. Muhleisen & Son.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Katherine Louise Dolese.*



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January 13, 2024 at 02:45 PM



“ *From Andre, Doug, Vinny and Kathleen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katherine Louise Dolese.*

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**From Andre, Doug, Vinny and Kathleen** - January 09, 2024 at 12:07 PM

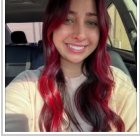


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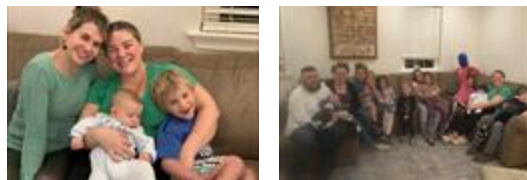
“ Met Katie in combat class— she was such a badass at the gym! She always gave her all no matter what. She was so warm and welcoming! We went to a dinner later on and began to talk more. She was so down to earth. Made me feel like I’ve known her forever. That’s the magic of Katie— She never met a stranger. She was so easy to talk to and she always had the BEST advice on where to eat!! She was just light, girt, and grace all rolled into one. She just had this calmness about her that made you feel at ease. Will miss her smiling face at the gym. Below is a picture of when Katie hosted a friends Christmas PJ party at her house! We sat around and talked about all the girls trips, brunches, and experiences we would have together... 2 years passed and we didn’t take that trip! That will forever stick with me. Take the trip, go to the dinners, and just live your life fullest like Katie did. It just goes by too fast.



Kyla Exsterstein - December 27, 2023 at 11:46 PM



“ She was an amazing person inside and out! She adopted me as a sister and friend from day 1 when I moved next door. Her joy and love for life was a beautiful thing! Sending my love to all of you during this hard time



Aimee Coscart - December 23, 2023 at 11:41 PM

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“ I’m so sorry for your loss. When I think of Katie two words come to my mind light and joy. No one else could light up a room the way her smile could and she exuded pure joy. Dear sweet Katie spread your wings and fly angel. You’re free. ❤️🕊️❤️



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**enrica montalbano** - December 23, 2023 at 10:18 PM

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“ *Enrica M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katherine Louise Dolese.*

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**Enrica M.** - December 23, 2023 at 08:51 PM