

Emily (Kraemer) Friday '99

A graduate of St. Sylvester's Catholic School, Brentwood High School, and Penn State University. Emily taught kindergarten at LCISD outside of Houston, TX and at Scranton City School District for several years prior to moving back home to the Pittsburgh area. She is now a stay-at-home mom who resides in Peters Township, PA with her husband (E.J.) and three young daughters (Eve, Rachel, Hannah).

In the fall of 2018, Emily underwent a successful surgery for appendicitis. A few days later when almost ready to return home the pathology results came back, and she learned that she was diagnosed with mucinous adenocarcinoma, a form of appendiceal cancer. Two days later she underwent a right hemicolectomy and discovered the cancer had spread to one of her lymph nodes. Her cancer was diagnosed as stage III and would require chemotherapy for six months, ending in April 2019. For the next 10 years, Emily will continue to need observing, CT scans, and exploratory surgery to ensure vigilant monitoring of this rare type of cancer.

Already touched by cancer in 2013 when her then three-year-old niece was diagnosed with Philadelphia-positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia (Ph+ALL), Emily has been a member of the Pittsburgh Committee for CureSearch with her sister-in-law since that time. CureSearch is a non-profit organization that raises funds to support research into childhood cancers. Emily is also a dedicated Girl Scout leader, volunteers at her children's school St. Louise de Marillac, and a devoted mother.