Teresa DeVito January 28, 2008 Age 53 Lakewood Ohio

Teresa DeVito died on January 28, 2008 at age 53 in Lakewood, Ohio after a long battle with cancer.

She was survived by her mother, Anne DeVito, and her father, Daniel R. DeVito, as well as her fiancé Richard Houdek.

Teresa was also survived by her seven siblings Dr. Annette DeVito-Dabbs, Maribeth Barabas, Daniel III (Beth), Denis (Bonnie), Tom, Gene, and John, as well as her stepchildren, Jennifer, Richard, and Eric Houdek. She was the aunt of Dan, Tom, Albert, Kirstie, Dillon, Madilyn, Anthony, Giorgi and Will.

Teresa worked as a speech therapist, who was known for giving of her time generously and volunteering her professional expertise to help any child or adult who was struggling with speech or learning difficulties.

In addition to Teresa, all seven of her brothers and sisters graduated from Lakewood High School. When asked about their memories of their sister, they described her this way: "She was a fashion plate! Teresa was always getting compliments on her beauty, although she was very humble. She was very family oriented, always wanting to gather. Teresa was absolutely devoted to her nieces and nephews. Most of all, she was a gentle soul."

A friend recalled Teresa: "She was a wonderful, honest, loyal, courageous friend with a very big generous heart, a woman who was not afraid to share her opinions. I will treasure all of the memories I have of her. She will be missed."