In Memoriam: CALS Business Analyst Allison Ketterling Duarte

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Allison Ketterling Duarte, a senior business analyst in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, died June 8. She was 32.

Born in Spooner, Wisconsin, in 1985, Ketterling Duarte graduated from the UA in 2007 with a bachelor’s degree in psychology with a minor in Spanish. During the last 11 years, she worked in the College of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture, in the Department of Psychiatry, and at Arizona Public Media. She joined the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Business Services team in 2016 as a senior business analyst senior with a human resources emphasis.

While with CALS, Ketterling Duarte led the MSS Solutions Work Group, a grassroots effort to identify solutions to help make HR/personnel transactions more efficient for staff working in business offices in every county of Arizona. One of the group’s early projects was the creation of a set of resources designed to make it easier to onboard new employees.

Ketterling Duarte was extremely proud to be the mother of three rambunctious boys, and she and her husband, Carlos Duarte, also were foster parents. Duarte works in Facilities Management ? Operational Services.

"As a role model, she built friendships, gave kindness, grew from curiosity, accepted her responsibilities, and shared joy with others," Jeffrey Ratje, CALS associate vice president, wrote in a message sent following her death.

"She chose to live each day as an opportunity and saw the future with optimism ? both valiant ways to battle cancer," he wrote. "She and I philosophized that our impact in life was measured by the size of the ripple we leave in the pond. She has made a large and meaningful ripple in our pond."

Ketterling Duarte is survived by her husband; sons Carlos, Geovanni and Ian; sisters Sabrina (Andres) Ketterling, Johnna Ketterling and Jacquelyn Ketterling; brothers Michael (Shari) Ketterling and Adam Ketterling; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held June 16.

Friends who wish to make a donation to help the family defray out-of-pocket medical expenses and other urgent needs may do so via PayPal using this account: quailrun02@yahoo.com [1].