



## **Melissa A. "Missy" Wojciechowski**

**May 28, 1954 - April 17, 2011**

On Palm Sunday my beautiful wife Melissa passed away. Cancer had consumed her body but not her spirit. The thing I admired most was her kindness all the time. She did not gossip and would always focus on the positive. Her passion was her friends and her Poodles. If you were a friend, you knew it. She took the time to be a friend. So not to burden folks, she kept her cancer secret. The last year and a half was a nightmare, knowing but unable to tell anyone.

Some folk snickered and belittled the Poodles, but she didn't care. Missy treated the negative comments with grace and class. One of my favorite photos is her walking off the line with Pearl with her big beautiful brown eyes sparkling. They didn't do well that run but she didn't care because for Melissa it was the participation and the journey.

A memorial has been established with the Pink Whistle Society. Donations are split 50/50 between the Cancer Society and the HRC foundation - Both having profound influence on her life. Pink Whistle Society, C/O Deb West, 101 Paul Simon Dr., Waterloo, IL 62298 618-980-2931

We miss you Melissa.

HRCH UH "Duffy" MH - HRC 500 points Labrador

HRCH "Kodi" SH WCX - (Std. Poodle)

HRCH "Taz" MH RN - Labrador

HRCH "Heather" SH - Labrador

"Gunner" JH - Lab Pup

SHR "Chief" JH, WCX RN - (Std. Poodle)

SHR "Pearl" JH, WCX - (Std. Poodle)

"Gina" - Poodle Pup

Ed - Loving Husband