In Memoriam: Tamara Boots (1968 - 2014)

Tamara Boots, a selfless and dedicated US Lacrosse volunteer and passionate advocate for lacrosse in the St. Louis area, passed away November 18 after a long battle against leukemia.

Tamara was a founder and program director for O’Fallon Styx Lacrosse, president of the St. Louis Youth Lacrosse Association, and treasurer of the St. Louis Chapter of US Lacrosse.

She was more than just the typical chapter board member.

“She really was the driving force and spearheaded many of the initiatives that the chapter pursued,” said Ashleigh Logan, manager of regional development at US Lacrosse.

Just recently, Tamara also became a founding member of Route 66 Lacrosse, committed to promoting girls’ youth lacrosse throughout the Midwest.

This statement, posted on the Route 66 Facebook page, effectively summarizes Tamara’s love for the game.

“We eat, sleep, and breathe lacrosse, and desire to provide others the opportunity to enjoy the game as we do.”

“She impacted thousands on and off the field, young and not so young,” said Jennifer Vogel, a friend and fellow volunteer with the St. Louis Chapter. “Lacrosse was more than a game to Tamara; it was her family, her passion, her purpose.”

As further evidence of her passion, Tamara was committed to raising funds in order to build a “community lacrosse wall like no other” in her hometown of O’Fallon, Illinois. Those who would like to contribute to that vision are encouraged to make a donation to:

Tamara Boots Styx Lacrosse Memorial  
c/o Parks and Recreation  
255 S. Lincoln  
O’Fallon, IL  62269

Tamara is survived by her husband, David, and two children, Tristan James and Tessa Kay.