



Rebecca Ann Suarez, 52, of Crystal Lake, Illinois, passed away peacefully on August 15, 2026, with her hands in her husband's as he prayed for her to go with God and be at peace.

Rebecca was born Rebecca Ann Albee on December 5, 1973, in Rockford, Illinois, to William "Bill" Albee and Lori Albee. She grew up in Rockford, Freeport, Machesney Park, and Loves Park alongside her older brother, Rob Albee. Some of her happiest childhood memories were the summers she and Rob spent in Oshkosh with both sets of their grandparents.

Rebecca later attended college, where she studied journalism, communications, and human resources, and spent time living in Chicago before eventually making her home in the northwest suburbs.

In 2003, while working for the same company, Rebecca met Andy Suarez. Andy knew within a month that she was the one. They were married in 2005 and built a marriage marked by deep affection, faith, tenderness, and unwavering love. Even after more than 21 years together, they still held hands often, said "I love you" many times throughout each day, and never took one another for granted. Their relationship remained sweet, devoted, and full of care through every season of life.

Rebecca and Andy welcomed their first daughter, Abigail Suarez, in 2006, and their second daughter, Annabelle Suarez, in 2010. Being a wife and mother was the role Rebecca treasured most. She loved her daughters fiercely and poured herself into caring for them, guiding them, worrying over them, and making sure they always knew they were deeply loved. She worked harder at being a good mother than anyone Andy had ever known, even though she was always worrying that she wasn't doing enough.

The Suarez family was exceptionally close. They truly enjoyed being together and did nearly everything as a family. They shared countless inside jokes, loved much of the same music, and considered one another their best friends. One of their favorite bands was Twenty One Pilots, and some special family memories were made attending their concerts together and listening to their music on countless car rides. Rebecca was happiest when her family was together.

Rebecca had an especially tender heart for children. Her heart broke for children who were sick, hurting, bullied, lonely, or struggling. She noticed those who needed care and had a gift for making people feel seen, welcomed, and loved.

Over the years, Rebecca worked in editing, marketing, human resources, and accounting, bringing intelligence, care, and attention to detail into everything she did. In 2006, she stepped away from the business world to take on what she considered the hardest but most rewarding job of all: staying home to raise her daughters. Her final and most meaningful professional role was serving as Children's Ministry Director at Springbrook Community Church in Huntley.

Rebecca's Christian faith was central to her life. She came to know Christ in the early 2000s alongside Andy, and from that point forward her faith shaped the way she lived and loved. At Springbrook, Rebecca served faithfully in many areas of ministry. She served in AWANA for years, mentored several children through Kids Hope, served in the church café, and together with Andy hosted and led a small group for approximately seven years. She loved teaching others about God and helping people grow in faith.

Rebecca had a rare and beautiful way with people. She was kind, genuine, disarming, and deeply caring. She knew the names of the neighbors, the names of the people who walked through the neighborhood, and often even the names of their dogs. She was also a true news junkie - always aware of what was happening locally and in the towns where family members lived.

She was known for her sharp eye as an editor, sometimes underlining spelling or grammar mistakes she found in newspapers and printed material. She also enjoyed playing Candy Crush and Words With Friends on her phone.

Rebecca loved animals and dearly loved the family's pets: Heidi, Olivia, and Paladin. She loved birds, especially cardinals and hummingbirds. She loved snow, and Christmas was her favorite holiday. She delighted in decorating the house, keeping a warm and beautiful home, and creating a place where her family felt cared for.

Rebecca lived with cancer during the final chapter of her life. When treatment was no longer giving her the life she wanted, she made the courageous decision to stop treatment and spend her remaining time on her own terms, surrounded by the family she loved so much. Her family does not see her death as a battle lost. Rebecca's faith gave her peace, and she knew she was going home to the Lord she loved, restored and made whole.

Rebecca is survived by her beloved husband, Andy Suarez; her daughters, Abigail Suarez and Annabelle Suarez; her father, William "Bill" Albee and stepmother, Mary Albee; her mother, Lori Albee; her brother, Rob Albee; and many extended family members, friends, church family, neighbors, and children whose lives were touched by her love.

Rebecca will be remembered for the way she loved - with her whole heart. She loved her husband passionately, loved her daughters fiercely, loved children tenderly, loved her church joyfully, and loved God deeply. She noticed people, cared for them, and made them feel important. Her life was full of quiet faithfulness, compassion, warmth, and grace, and she leaves behind a legacy of love that will not be forgotten.

Memorial Service Information:

August 22, 2026

Visitation: 12p – 2pm

Service: 2pm

Location: Springbrook Community Church - 10115 West Algonquin Rd, Huntley, IL 60142

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor Rebecca may consider a donation to a cancer research or support Springbrook Community Church in her memory.