



## Dr. Erika Matulich

September 14, 1963 - February 22, 2018

Dr. Erika Matulich, 54, of Plant City, Florida, born on September 14, 1963 in Sacramento, California, entered into eternal rest on February 22, 2018. She was a Professor of Marketing at the University of Tampa, and a Carriage Driving horse show organizer. She enjoyed rescuing animals - as she called her "little souls", and touching the lives of her students. She is survived by her husband of 24 years, John Porter; parents, Serge and Margarete Matulich of Orlando; brother, Alex Matulich (Soo Huey Wong) of Mountain View, California; step-daughter, Laura Ellis Brown (Josh) of Humble Texas; and many other family and friends.

Two memorial services will be held:

Thursday, 12 April 2018, 4:00-7:00 pm

University of Tampa

Plant Hall, Music Room

Saturday, 14 April 2018, 3:00 - ?

Grand Oaks Resort and Museum

3000 Marion County Rd, Weirsdale, FL 32195

<http://www.thegradoaks.com>

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A memorial fund is being established for donations in lieu of flowers: ERIKA MATULICH MEMORIAL FUND FOR THE BENEFIT OF HIDDEN HARBOR MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT, INC., a Florida nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, d/b/a THE TURTLE HOSPITAL. Make checks payable to THE ERIKA MATULICH MEMORIAL FUND.

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Julie M Roberts lit a candle in memory of Dr. Erika Matulich*

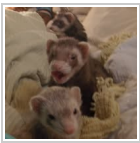


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**Julie M Roberts** - November 28, 2018 at 02:54 PM

JR

*I had no idea Dr Matulich had passed. I was looking up her address to thank her. To thank her for her for so much, it seem impossible to write it here. If it weren't for her, I would not have been able to complete my dissertation. I was no longer her student, yet she gave me advice, aid, and encouragement. I am heartbroken. My condolences to her family.*

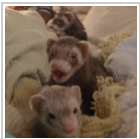
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**Julie M Roberts** - November 28, 2018 at 02:57 PM



“ *Alish Furkids lit a candle in memory of Dr. Erika Matulich*



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**Alish Furkids** - June 20, 2018 at 06:48 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. What a thoughtful, caring lady. Her many articles on ferrets helped me and so many others. Thank you. Rest in Peace.*

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**Alish Furkids** - June 20, 2018 at 06:42 PM

SD

“ Simone Darling lit a candle in memory of Dr. Erika Matulich



Simone Darling - April 21, 2018 at 08:20 PM

DC

“ I first met Erika in 1999, when she began bringing her beloved ferrets to our animal hospital. She would routinely come in twice a year; sometimes with John, but often without, and set up shop in an exam room while we did whatever needed doing to a whole bunch of ferrets. I remember her writing papers, grading papers, working on various projects, and how pleased she was when we got guest WiFi. No matter what was happening with the ferrets or in her life, she always had a smile, a snappy retort, or something interesting to share. I still can't quite grasp that she will never walk through our door again. The world is the less for her not being in it.

Debbie Cottrell  
West End Animal Hospital

Debbie Cottrell - March 23, 2018 at 06:22 PM

LC

“ Les Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Dr. Erika Matulich



Les Cunningham - March 11, 2018 at 09:54 AM

CA

“ I give Erika credit for where I am today. She was an integral piece of my education, not only did she challenge me but she pushed me to be better. She single handedly got me into grad school which has exponentially advanced my career. I cannot thank her enough for her dedication to students and education, all while making it fun! Hands down my favorite teacher. The University of Tampa's marketing program lost a gigantic piece of itself. Will never forget her!



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**Cara** - March 08, 2018 at 10:42 AM

JK

“ I worked with Erika for 20 years at The University of Tampa. She was one of my favorite faculty members. She was always in a good mood even through her illness. She was a strong person whom I loved dearly. I will miss her. My deepest sympathy to John, her brother and the rest of her lovely family.



*Joyce Keller*

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**Joyce Keller** - March 08, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ I was an adjunct professor at UT. Dr. Matulich treated me and other adjuncts as co-equal professionals. I'll always be grateful for her assistance and kindness.

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**Bruce Hadburg** - March 01, 2018 at 11:10 AM

DG

“ I will always feel blessed to have known Dr. Matulich. Her love, kindness and dedication to the animals around her was amazing. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Debbie Genereux - March 01, 2018 at 09:01 AM



“ Erika was a special woman. It was my special pleasure to care for her pets. All of us at Animal Diagnostic & Wellness Center will miss her terribly. Our utmost sympathies to John.

Brenda Ernest - March 01, 2018 at 07:53 AM

CR

“ I enjoyed working with Erika as part of the Tampa Horse Show Association. My deepest sympathy to John and family. - Cathy Renwick

Cathy Renwick - February 28, 2018 at 11:02 PM

PH

“ Erika was always a pleasure to be around. She will be missed by all who knew her.



Peggy Huey - February 28, 2018 at 08:23 AM