



**SHARON L. BETZ, PhD**

January 14, 1973 – July 24, 2008

Sharon Betz passed away on July 24, 2008 with her loving family by her side. Sharon suffered a swift and tragic battle with cancer at the young age of 35.

She was born on January 14, 1973 in Georgetown, MA and is survived by her husband Bryan Betz, two beautiful children, Katherine (4) and Andrew (2), and a large extended family. Sharon conducted her graduate work and fellowships in clinical molecular genetics and clinical cytogenetics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She and Bryan joined the University of Michigan faculty in the Department of Pathology in July 2007. Sharon served as Assistant director of the Clinical Cytogenetic and Molecular Diagnostic laboratories.

Sharon was a devoted wife and mother, and she maintained an enviable work-life balance. She was an excellent scientist on the verge of an exceptional career. Her loss is deeply mourned by all who knew her. Donations in Sharon's memory may be made to: Betz Children Educational Fund, TCF Bank, 8081 Main St. Dexter, MI 48130.

Submitted by Hutton Kearney, PhD, FACMG