

Kathleen “Katie” Iles, MD ’18



Kathleen "Katie" Iles, M.D. peacefully passed away at the age of 30 on October 10, 2022 at her home in Durham, North Carolina after a several year battle with cancer.

After graduating from Skaneateles High School with honors, Katie went on to study at Le Moyne College where she graduated Summa Cum Laude. Katie then attended SUNY Upstate Norton School of Medicine where she received several distinguished honors including the SUNY Chancellor's Award, the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award and served as the president of the prestigious Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society.

After graduating in 2018, Katie began her surgical residency at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She was fiercely dedicated to teaching, for which she received multiple awards. She pursued technical excellence in the operating room and advanced the science of medicine through several research publications and presentations.

Katie is remembered by colleagues as an exceptional physician who cared deeply for her patients and had a relentless commitment to her field. She continued practicing medicine at the hospital in the years following her diagnosis and throughout her treatment.

Outside of her professional career Katie was a talented artist and enjoyed reading, exercise, boating, travel and above all spending time with those she loved.

Above all, Katie was a source of wisdom, compassion and laughter for those lucky enough to know her. The way she lived her life raised the bar for everyone around her.

It was Katie's wish to direct all gifts to the endowment fund that has been established in her name at Upstate Medical University, the **Kathleen A. Iles '18 Memorial Scholarship Fund**. Katie was a recipient of many scholarships and was passionate in her goal to pay it forward. The annual scholarship will be awarded to a medical student from Central New York with an interest in surgery.