Shelagh Robyn Nikkel, twenty-year resident of Bloomingdale, IL died April 24, 2020, of complications due to a long-term battle with a cancerous tumor of the brain. She was born May 3, 1966, in Washington, DC and was a graduate of Oak Park-River Forest High School in Oak Park, IL and the Chicago School of Massage Therapy. She is survived by her mother Katharine "Kay" G. Snyder, her brother John Nikkel, her nephew and niece Jay "JJ" and Jennifer Zepp, as well as her nephew Adam Nikkel. Shelagh was preceded in death by her father Earll "Nik" Nikkel, Jr. and sister, Ann Zepp.

Shelagh's formative years were spent in Washington, DC and Philadelphia, PA before her family moved to the Chicago suburbs. As an adult, she lived in Forest Park, Aurora, Joliet, and Rolling Meadows before settling in Bloomingdale. Shelagh worked in many fields, including many years as a cash office manager for Marshall Field's, and later attaining her certificate and license as a massage therapist, a job she relished and excelled at as she was always trying to help people with what ailed them. Shelagh had a lot of interests and hobbies, including quilting, sewing, and watching movies, but most notably a voracious reader, particularly in the genres of science fiction and romance. She was a longtime attender and supporter of various science fiction conventions in the Midwest and an attender of many worldwide, sometimes throwing lavish parties in support of various convention bids. Her generous spirit will be missed by her wide and varied circle of friends and family.