



Kaila Jean Vanicek

August 31, 1988 - June 29, 2016

Kaila Jean Vanicek, 27, of Grand Island passed away on June 29, 2016 at CHI St. Francis after a brief illness.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Peace Lutheran Church.

A Celebration of Life memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Friday at Peace Lutheran Church, 1710 N. Rd, Grand Island. Reverend Michael Reiners will officiate. Cremation has taken place and a private family interment will be held at a later date in York, NE. All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Kaila was born in Grand Island on August 31, 1988 to Michael and Rhonda (Rathje) Vanicek. She grew up in Grand Island and attended Grand Island Public Schools where she was a member of the Class of 2008. Kaila attended day service at Mosaic and enjoyed spending time with her friends and caregivers there. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church.

Kaila's infectious laugh and happy disposition will be greatly missed by those whose lives she touched.

Survivors of the immediate family include her parents, Mike and Rhonda Vanicek of Grand Island and a brother, Brady, of Hastings.

Also left to cherish her memory are grandparents, Donna Rathje of York and LeRoy and Kathy Vanicek of Newport, Oregon; uncles and aunts, Wes and

Robin Handley of Edmond, OK, Arnold and Peggy Johnson of Albion, Rose Rathje of Hastings, Mark and Nancy Vanicek of Lincoln, Joel and Laurie Vanicek of Omaha and Gary Vanicek of Schaumburg, IL; as well as numerous cousins. Bob and Roseann Allen of Grand Island were also special in Kaila's life.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Ardith Vanicek; grandfather, Harry Rathje; and uncle, Scott Rathje.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Mosiac, Peace Lutheran Church, or to the family to establish a scholarship fund in Kaila's name to be used by someone entering the field of Special Education.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Peace Lutheran
1710 N. North Rd
Grand Island, NE 68803

Celebration of Life Service

JUL 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kaila Jean Vanicek*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Mike and Rhonda, My prayers to you and your family. Kaila was so blessed to have you for her family.*

Lora marvin - July 05, 2016 at 02:46 PM



“ *Mike, Rhonda and Brady, we are very sorry to hear of Kaila's passing. I can remember well the day she was born and the love that your family gave her during her short life. God has a special place for her and we want you to know our thoughts, prayers and wishes of strength and peace are with you. Have thought of your family often over the years. Take care.*

*Dick and Conni Bales
Omaha, NE*

Dick and Conni Bales - July 03, 2016 at 12:13 PM



“ *She was always so happy and was a joy to have in my classroom. She enriched my life.*

Kathy Hunter - July 02, 2016 at 11:46 PM

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“ Mike, Rhonda & Brady,
Hearts and prayers are with you both. Kaila always had a special place in my heart. She couldn't have asked for a better family and friends to keep her smiling. Healing hearts to all.
Love Karen Wakehouse

Karen Wakehouse - July 01, 2016 at 07:36 AM

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“ Dear Rhonda, Mike and Brady,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your extended Family. Kaila was a sweet young lady and was loved by so many of us. I remember how much she loved balloons. She would give me the biggest and best smiles when I'd give her a balloon. Now she is free of all pain and walking hand and hand with Jesus.
You " 3" should all be commended for the unconditional love and the level of concern & caring you provided her. I believe that her life was extended because of the wonderful family GOD placed her in,



Diane Miller - June 29, 2016 at 04:31 PM