



## Tessa Lynn Knight

July 25, 1982 - September 10, 2018

Tessa Lynn Knight, 36, of Tucson, AZ, formerly of Grand Island, passed away September 10th at Northwest Medical Center in Tucson.

A celebration of Tessa's life will be held at 3 PM Saturday, September 22nd at All Faiths Funeral Home, 2929 S. Locust St. Grand Island NE. Dan Naranjo will officiate. Memorial donations may be made to the Tatum Knight education fund at Five Points Bank in Grand Island.

Tessa was born on July 25, 1982 to William "Kirby" Knight and Stephanie Cooper in Grand Island NE. She grew up in Omaha and Grand Island and graduated high school from Grand Island Central Catholic in 2000. She attended Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln NE and graduated in 2004 with majors in elementary and special education.

Tessa was known as an amazing special education teacher who had a heart for challenging kids and saw the best in them no matter what the circumstances. She worked as a teacher for many years in Nebraska, California and Arizona. She most recently worked at Donaldson Elementary School and Cross Middle School in Tucson Arizona. She also devoted many hours working with youth at Casa D'Amore Family Care in Tucson where she was known for treating the youth as her own and was a motherly figure who provided comfort and guidance to young boys with traumatic pasts. Her

memory lives on in the countless youth she devoted her life to helping.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Tatum Knight; Tessa's Fiancé, Oscar Mazzini of Tucson, AZ; father, Kirby (Debbie) Knight of Grand Island NE; mother, Stephanie (Wendell) Cooper of Colorado Springs CO; stepmother, Angie Knight of Grand Island NE; brothers, Matthew (Nicole) Knight of Yokosuka Japan, Blaine (Crystal) Knight of Bellevue NE, Chas Knight of Lincoln NE and Weston Cooper of Omaha NE, and sisters, Cassie Cooper of Tulsa OK and Rachel (Paul) Pridham of Bellevue NE and grandparents, Richard and Barbara Gillham of Doniphan, NE.

She is preceded in death by grandparents, William R. and Dorothy Knight; uncle, Kevin Knight and cousins, Christian and Jozie, infant children of Tony and Sarah Campa.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tessa Lynn Knight*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *So sad to hear about your daughter, Tessa, passing away. She is a very beautiful person inside and out! We really enjoyed seeing her play sports at Central Catholic HS. May she rest in peace. God bless you all! Charlene Fredrick Emery and Family*



**Charlene Emery** - September 25, 2018 at 12:58 AM



“ *Steph, Kirby and family....Brad just told me of Tessa's getting her angel wings and I am so sorry. I can't even imagine how terribly hard this must be. Please know how much we care...you are in our thoughts and prayers. She was a beautiful, beautiful child...a blessing.*

**Bette Klingman Cataldo** - September 21, 2018 at 09:02 PM



“ *Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant was purchased for the family of Tessa Lynn Knight.*



September 21, 2018 at 08:16 PM

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“ Kirby.  
*Elizabeth informed me of Tessa's death. I was shocked and saddened. I can't imagine what you and your family are going through. Know that I am holding you in my heart. I have no doubt that you will see to it that her little girl is well cared for and surrounded with love. Take care of yourself. Love, Andrea K*

Andrea Kuhn - September 21, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tessa Lynn Knight.*



September 21, 2018 at 11:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tessa Lynn Knight.*



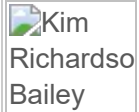
September 20, 2018 at 09:44 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Tessa Lynn Knight.*



September 20, 2018 at 06:51 AM



“ Hello Knight Family! I am so sorry! Absolutely loved Tessa. She was so spunky and just an all round great kid! I am thinking about all of you!  
*Kim (Richardson) Bailey (Kelly's friend growing up!)*

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**Kim Richardson Bailey** - September 19, 2018 at 12:04 PM



“ I am sure she was a Wonderful teacher. Just remember her as a great athlete at Grand Island Central Catholic High School. Our Sympathy to her Family.  
*Bill and Kathy Bartunek*



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**Kathy Bartunek** - September 19, 2018 at 11:30 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tessa Lynn Knight.



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September 19, 2018 at 07:40 AM



“ I want you to know how deeply sorry I am for your loss of Tessa. My heart is breaking for all of you. God must have needed an exceptional teacher in heaven. Hugs and Prayers for all of you.  
  
*Jan Blase*

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**Jan Blase** - September 18, 2018 at 07:40 PM



“ Tessa and I were extremely close for a long time. We lived together, and she was instantly the sister I never had. We loved to get prettied up and go out dancing, but we also spent a lot of time sitting on the couch exchanging stories on the crazy things we'd done, or being there for each other in a time of heartbreak. We laughed together, we cried together, and we definitely knew how to have fun. I will forever hold those memories in my heart, and cherish the time we spent together. XOXO

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**Katie Muzzey** - September 17, 2018 at 02:03 PM