



Erica Lynn Paulissen

December 15, 1997 - October 14, 2019

Erica Lynn Paulissen's life was taken on October, 14th, 2019 at the age of 21. She joined our world on December 15th, 1997 in Kankakee, Illinois.

Erica's focus, maturity, warmth, and intelligence will be her legacy. While managing the Maple St. Dairy Queen and growing her own beauty and wellness business with ItWorks, she was 5 classes away from a dual Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting and Finance from Governor's State University. An officer of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Erica was driven overall to succeed as a female entrepreneur and support those around her in discovering their purpose.

She valued authenticity and inclusion.

Quiet, poised, and observant to a stranger, Erica's lifelong passions for literature, music, and world culture were undeniable as you got to know her. She was a lover of travel and adventure with an endless imagination. The world Erica dreamed of exploring here on earth was small compared to the world she was able to create within her mind.

During her short life, Erica dedicated her energy to developing a sense of pride and purpose that will continue to inspire.

Erica was ultimately dedicated to her family and friends. Surviving are her parents Debbie (Healy) and Jeff Paulissen of Kankakee, IL; paternal grandmother, Myrna (Monjon) Paulissen; maternal grandparents Judy and Harold "Buck" Healy; aunts and uncles, Dave and Sue (Emling) Paulissen, Linda Manley, Kathy Gill, Colleen (Paulissen) and Aaron Pool, Randy and Erin (Laurence) Paulissen; her cousins, Katie (Paulissen) and Patrick Hillman, Sarah Paulissen and Andrew Robert, Andy Paulissen, Taylor (Manley) and Dalton Rude, Dawson Gill, Jordan Gill, Kyle Pool, Sydney Pool, Noah Ruiz, Jackson Loehring, Finn Paulissen, Theo Paulissen, Graham Paulissen; and best friend, Angel Souligne.

Erica is preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Henry "Ron" Paulissen and infant aunt, Susan Paulissen, both of Kankakee, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made for a future literacy project in Erica's name.

Funeral arrangements are to be held at the Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee, IL on West Court Street. Visitation will be held on Friday, October 18, from 4-8 pm, and

Saturday October 19, from 1-2 pm. A memorial service will be held at 2 pm on Saturday. A candlelight celebration of life is scheduled at the Riverfront Park gazebo in Bourbonnais, IL at 7 pm Saturday.

“For we will never say goodbye to you.

Because goodbyes mean forever,

And that we'll never meet again.

However, we don't believe this to be true,

That is why we say, I'll see you soon.” – Erica Paulissen

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

OCT 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
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Memorial Service

OCT 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Erica Lynn Paulissen*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM

MA

“ *Erica gave me the best ice cream ever she was my favorite i miss her so much*

Max - April 05, 2020 at 12:00 PM

KC

“ *Debbie and Jeff, I am sorry to hear about your loss. I can't even imagine what you are going through and sometimes there are no words. Erica is the light in your lives and hearts. I will keep your family in my prayers.*



Kim Cain - October 19, 2019 at 07:34 PM

GW

“ *Debbie, Jeff and family,
I'm so extremely sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Gina*



Gina Wille - October 19, 2019 at 08:55 AM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Our Family Chain Is Broken" was purchased for the family of Erica Lynn Paulissen.*



October 18, 2019 at 03:52 PM

KC

“ *Prayers for her family and friends ❤️🙏 so very sad 😞*



Kris Chugh - October 18, 2019 at 01:11 PM

PG

“ Dear Jeff and the entire Paulissen family,

So very sorry to hear of your loss.

Pam & Dave Grosso

Pam Grosso - October 18, 2019 at 12:09 PM



“ Heather Stone lit a candle in memory of Erica Lynn Paulissen



Heather Stone - October 18, 2019 at 10:39 AM

EC

“ Elizabeth Carlson lit a candle in memory of Erica Lynn Paulissen



Elizabeth Carlson - October 17, 2019 at 11:23 PM



“ Candy Ray lit a candle in memory of Erica Lynn Paulissen



Candy Ray - October 17, 2019 at 12:35 PM

TM

“ I have known Erica for only a few years. She was amazing but it was her beauty inside and out that made her that way. She worked hard and she had a plan for her life. I mostly saw her at her Grandmothers doing homework or helping her with whatever she needed. She was smart and beautiful and she made time for everyone else! My heart goes out to all the family for the loss of this light in their lives. The Angels above will delight in her beauty and her love.



Terry Moore - October 17, 2019 at 09:15 AM

MG

Thank you Terry for beautiful words you know you are family too. Love you friend.

Myrna Paulissen(Erica's grandma) - October 27, 2019 at 01:24 PM

MO

“ Erica,
You were an AMAZING friend to not only me, but many others. I am lost for words, but what I do know is you will not be forgotten and we'll meet again someday. I am sending prayers to your family at this time. ❤️



montana - October 17, 2019 at 12:37 AM

JI

“ I am so sorry Jeff this is got to be the hardest thing ever will keep you in my prayers

jim - October 16, 2019 at 09:47 PM