



Amanda Kay Birnstengel

December 25, 2013

Birnstengel, Amanda Kay age 44, of Minnetonka, Minnesota, passed away Wednesday, December 25, 2013. She was born to Eugene and Brenda Stratton on October 11, 1969 in Menomonie, Wisconsin. Amanda graduated from Boyceville High School in 1988 and from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1992 with a degree in communications. She married James Birnstengel in 1994. Amanda's greatest loves were her husband James and her two boys, Ben and Sam. Together they all enjoyed Amanda's love of travel and adventure. No destination was out of reach as they explored the world together. Amanda's 9 year battle with cancer never defined her. Her accomplishments were many throughout that battle. Her work for local and national cultural institutions included The Minneapolis Institute of Art, Musical Instrument Museum and most recently the Hopkins Center for the Arts. Her greatest accomplishment remains raising two wonderful boys, Ben and Sam. Amanda is preceded in death by her father, Eugene and is survived by her husband, James; their sons, Ben and Sam; her mother Brenda; sister, Belinda Stratton; and her brother, Lance Stratton. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made in Amanda's honor to Musical Instrument Museum, 4725 East Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85050. A visitation is planned for Sunday, December 29, 2013 from 3:00 pm-6:00 pm. The funeral will be held on Monday, December 30, 2013 at 11:00 am. Both will occur at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Amanda Kay Birnstengel*.



December 29, 2013 at 12:09 AM



“ *Your Friends at Bagy Jo* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of *Amanda Kay Birnstengel*.



Your Friends at Bagy Jo - December 27, 2013 at 04:18 PM



“ *Trevor & Traci Studanski* purchased the *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* for the family of *Amanda Kay Birnstengel*.



Trevor & Traci Studanski - December 27, 2013 at 01:11 PM



“ *Let It Snow* was purchased for the family of *Amanda Kay Birnstengel*.



December 27, 2013 at 12:40 PM

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“ *The world lost a brilliant, funny, adventurous, fierce, selfless, and loving friend, wife, and mother this week. Amanda, you brought so much joy, life, laughter, and insight into the world. You always went after what you wanted, fought cancer courageously for 9 years - never letting it define or control you - but most of all you were a beautiful spirit, larger than life, who lived life to the fullest and loved your family, friends, husband and boys more than anything. We love you and we will all miss your infectious smile and laugh!!!*



Stephanie (Pete) Pederson (Friend) - December 26, 2013 at 02:38 PM