



## April Ann Iwaszko

April 5, 1970 - April 28, 2021

Iwaszko, April Ann Age 51, of Columbia Heights - April 28, 2021 Guess I have gone to join mom and dad, (Marge and Rich) brother Dave, nephews Marc and Eric, and the best puppy niece in the world - Abby. Leaving behind the person who has always been an important part of my life, brother Dan. His family has given me love, a reason to smile and let me be myself, Lynn, Brandan, Gabby, Jack, Harrison, Taylor and Ryan. "He's Mine - Gate 14" boyfriend John Gorski. Sister Sandy (Gary) Ries, and the loving families of Marc and Eric Ries, nieces Kristina, Melanie and her family. All the people through the years at Target, Target Center and MN Twins (Target Field). Lots of Bullseyes! Whether you were a co-worker or a guest you made each day an experience - good and/or bad. To the ones that made it good, thank you for letting me be me, laughing, sharing a response to my sneeze (I know they could be a little loud), letting me share a story or vent, and overall being you. Please remember our actions speak volumes, kindness, attitude, and courtesy go a long way. Instead of a funeral, with a smile on your face, do one of my favorite things, drink a Cherry Coke (no diet!), enjoy Top the Tater and Old Dutch ripple chips, take a puppy for a walk and let them sniff, sniff and sniff, watch a sunset, go to Silverwood for a walk and then rock in a chair, go to Target Field (Gate 29) and cheer on the Twins, laugh until you cry (I know that you can think of something that will make you!), watch an eagle soar, listen to a robin chirp, listen to "How Great Thou Art" (Home Free or Carrie Underwood/Vince Gill are great options), randomly help someone and most

important, remember to say "Love Ya". List is long, but there is at least one thing in there for you that I would have loved to do with you. During your life, make sure that you take time to remember that the most important things in life aren't things, it's the life you live- hopefully full of laughter, a shared smile, a helpful hand and a heart that doesn't hold onto anger, resentment or hurt. Remember as best as you can, that the person in front of you may not look like you, may not talk like you, may not share your every belief, but give them the decency to be who they are; you may be surprised at how they can impact your life. Last check in with my favorite person in the world - thank you for being the best - Love ya! In memory of April, the family will be making donations to Silverwood Park and the American Heart Association. If you would like to contribute, memorials can be sent to the Iwaszko Family C/O Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel, 2610 19th Avenue, NE Minneapolis, MN 55418. Please visit April's Guestbook on [startribune.com](http://startribune.com) to share your memories of her with the family.