



Carissa Elise Midkiff

May 28, 2017

Carissa Elise Midkiff, age 35 of Anoka, passed away 5/28/17. Preceded in death by her uncle, Michael O'Brien. Survived by mother, Laura Weborg; daughters Mia Kolstad and Christina Midkiff; grandparents Dennis and Margaret O'Brien; sister Brandi Midkiff; brothers Brandon Aboud and Corey Midkiff; and many family and friends. Gathering of family and friends to celebrate Carissa's life will be held Saturday, 6/3/17, from 2-5 PM at Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd, 763-767-1000.

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *love and miss you everyday*

Brandi Midkiff - May 01, 2024 at 11:19 AM

CM

“ *When we went and saw the new Beauty and the beast at the movie theater, and we came home yelling at the top of our lungs "tale as old as time" until it was probably 1 am not caring what the neighbors said. I will never forget that day mom, I love you and miss you.*

Christina Midkiff - April 03, 2019 at 02:08 PM

MW

“ *Melissa Walters lit a candle in memory of Carissa Elise Midkiff*



Melissa Walters - June 03, 2017 at 09:03 PM

AN

“ *Andrea(mom) lit a candle in memory of Carissa Elise Midkiff*



Andrea(mom) - June 03, 2017 at 12:08 PM

EC

“ Erickson Colleen lit a candle in memory of Carissa Elise Midkiff



Erickson Colleen - June 02, 2017 at 10:31 AM

MA

“ Mia, Michele and Al purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Carissa Elise Midkiff.



Mia, Michele and Al - June 01, 2017 at 08:05 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carissa Elise Midkiff.



June 01, 2017 at 07:05 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Carissa Elise Midkiff.



June 01, 2017 at 03:46 PM

CE

“ Carissa stole her family's heart as soon as she was born! After all, she was born on St. Patrick's Day! She was special! She was the youngest in a large family for a few years, so yes we spoiled her! She was born with that "spunk" and that big heart that she is known for, when you think of Ris you think about that big heart and that wonderful, beautiful, caring soul! It was so hard to "let her go" during her dark years, but when she found herself again and came back, we were afraid for her but welcomed her back with open arms! She had so much to be proud of making it back from that dark place, but she was one determined young lady, and she would not be denied! I love you Rissa, you are already missed so much! You taught your great-auntie Colleen some pretty amazing things, be tolerant, don't judge, and if you want it bad enough, you can get it! If you knew Ris, even casually, you saw something special, but if she loved YOU, you were very lucky...even for a short time. I consider myself very lucky to have had you in my life Ris, from the very beginning, for 35 years, and although it wasn't long enough, you made an impression that many never make, no matter how long they live!

I wish you felt you could have reached out to any of us, asking for help is not a weakness, we all need help at times, but you didn't, even knowing there were so many that loved you and would have done what they could to help you. So now we're faced with you being gone. Now you can rest in peace and be out of pain, but the rest of us have to figure out a different path. Its a really tough spot to be in. As much as we love you, we have an assortment of other feelings to work through. It will be a personal path for each of us and some will get to the end of their journey before others. Im trying hard to remember not to judge, not to be angry because you chose to leave us, why didn't you reach out?? Guilt for not seeing the depth of your pain.,,something, anything so we could have helped you find another way! You left us way too soon Ris! Suicide is never the answer! Love you so much!

Auntie Colleen

Colleen O'Brien Erickson - June 01, 2017 at 03:39 PM

RF

“ Rick Nelson and Family purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Carissa Elise Midkiff.



Rick Nelson and Family - June 01, 2017 at 12:57 PM

RI

“ Brand new in your recovery, I remember watching you and thinking "I wish others were as free with their smiles as she is about taking the steps they needed too to change their stars"... I watched you jump into service, run meetings when you were 6 months in recovery and greet people with hugs as they came in the door. I was graced with the gift of watching you "recover" and your little Christina grow up next to you. I watched your smile turn from just the smile on your face to the smile that generated the glow from your spirit that so many of us have come to know and love. You are one of those within my inner circle of recovery that I consider family and you will be soooo deeply missed... and though the darkness took you from ALL of us, the light you shone will continue to make a difference in so many peoples lives. Love Ruby

Ruby Irving - June 01, 2017 at 09:52 AM

NB

“ I met Carissa when we were both at The Teen Pregnancy Program in 98/99. She was sweet and kind and we sat at the same table and talked every day. I remember how excited she was to have baby Mia. Hope this brings some comfort. Rest in paradise Carissa.

Nicole B - June 01, 2017 at 09:40 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Carissa Elise Midkiff.*



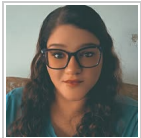
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“ *I met Carissa at The Home Depot in Elk River. We began a friendship that remained strong even after she left for another job. Carissa was the strongest person I have ever known. She overcame so much and still had time to open her heart to anyone who needed it. I am so glad that the last time we met for coffee I took a couple of pictures of that lovely smiling face which will forever warm my heart. I miss her tremendously and offer her family condolences and prayers.*

Bob Koch

Bob Koch - June 01, 2017 at 06:57 AM



“ *I met her through the soberity community. She was an amazingly nice woman. I'm gonna miss her kind words, her beautiful soul ect. I can't think of anything bad about her, that's how much of an angel she was! Missing you bad Rissa, hope your finding happiness in heaven. Until we meet again, God Bless!*

Marlee Lambkin - June 01, 2017 at 06:36 AM

BH

“ Carissa worked very hard to overcome many hurdles to improve her situation at work and have a sense of real accomplishment. This drove her to step out of her comfort zone and learn more and improve her knowledge. She had the spunkiness to stand up to me, when she didn't agree with me and earned my respect by learning to articulate why. I have been out of touch for a while and it was neat to reconnect on facebook and see new things going on for her. She had an infectious laugh and wanted people to have fun too. She kept trying and trying through some real challenges. She will be missed. I hope she is remembered for the good she worked to ve in other"s lives.

Brian Howald - May 31, 2017 at 09:04 PM



“ Rissa you were one of the people that brightened my day when I saw you. I miss the days at both Coon Rapids and Woodbury Sportsmen's working with you.

Dave Meacham - May 31, 2017 at 08:32 PM

BM

“ I stil remember the day we met.. "are you two sisters" i miss you. I love you.

Brandi Midkiff - May 31, 2017 at 08:13 PM