



Erika Drayton

August 18, 2013

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“ I am heartbroken at the loss of Erika and want to share a few stories with her family that for me best illustrate the kind of human being she was.

1. *Erika's Beauty.* I was lucky to be one of Erika's roommates in college. At 18 years of age, we had a lot of dreams. One of those of course was to be models (never mind the fact that neither of us was over 5'6). We answered an ad in the newspaper for Stanley & Stanley Modeling Agency. We got all dressed up and took a bus to St. Paul. The agent loved Erika and paid for all her headshots. I, on the other hand, had to pay for my own. We found out later it was a scam to get the money for headshots. Erika was so beautiful the guy didn't even try to scam her. Another time, Erika participated in a runway show for Casual Corner. Erika, at 18 years old, looked like she could have walked off 5th avenue. She was stunning.

2. *Erika's Charisma.* Erika and I shared a dorm in Comstock Hall very close to the union where students would hang out. A guy who looked like a young Mel Gibson worked as manager over there so every day all of us girls would hang out . After several years of us ogling this poor guy, he asked Erika out. Every girl in the vicinity was green with envy.

I grew up on a reservation in northern Minnesota. I talked Erika and another friend of ours to drive up there to meet my family. Erika was terrified. She kept telling me that when I wake up in the morning I would find her hanging from a tree. We went to the local bar that night and she of course was the "belle of the ball". My mother met Erika that weekend and to this day talks about what a "nice and pretty girl" she was.

3. *Erika's intelligence.* There is no denying that Erika, Infin, Renee, and I had a lot of fun during College. But Erika at such a young age knew how to balance fun with school. She worked harder than anyone I know. She was not only a great friend, she was my role model.

Don and Viola: you raised a beautiful woman that serves as an inspiration to women everywhere. Bobbi Doerfler

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very touching Bobby. I worked with erika in the Dakota county attorneys office. We became good friends. I was with her when she was first diagnosed and had her surgery. She was a fighter right from the start. I will miss her greatly. Any word on funeral arrangements yet?

rebecca adams - August 22, 2013 at 10:40 AM

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No I have not heard when the funeral will be but will try to find out.

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still no info?

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