



Erin Schafer Fatzinger

April 1, 1975 - May 7, 2023

Erin Schafer Fatzinger, died May 7, 2023 at North Memorial hospital. She was born and raised in Lacrosse, WI, as the only daughter of Ronald and Wanda (Frey) Schafer.

Erin received her BA from the University of St. Thomas. She married her husband Kyle August 28, 2004. She was a dedicated mother and active community member.

Erin grew up in Girl Scouts and earned both the Silver and Gold Award, the highest awards a Girl Scout can achieve. Erin traveled as a Girl Scout, attending National Center West in Wyoming, and as a participant in an international Scouting event in Russia. As an adult, Erin volunteered as a Troop Leader, Service Unit Event Coordinator, and was the most recent Service Unit Manager of Service Unit 527 New Brighton, supporting more than 300 Girl Scouts. In 2019 Erin was awarded the Girl Scout Appreciation Pin which recognizes an individual's exemplary service.

Erin enjoyed reading, music, and travel. She was a warm and giving person who expressed unchecked love and support for her friends and family.

She was predeceased by grandparents: Raymond and Charline Schafer, and Elmer and Betty Frey; Uncle Richard Snyder. Surviving in addition to her husband, Kyle Fatzinger, are her daughter Ella Fatzinger and her child Tayte Fatzinger; her Parents Ronald and Wanda (Frey) Schafer; her brother David Schafer (wife Brooke Schafer); her father in law Brian Fatzinger (wife Janice Fatzinger), her mother in law Judi Logan; her brother in laws: Shane Fatzinger

(wife Amy Fatzinger), Todd Lehne (wife Rachel Lehne), and Andy Ellinger (wife Brenda Ellinger); sister in laws: Tessa McMahon (husband David McMahon), and Mieke Ellinger; her nephews: Brendan Fatzinger, Elijah Fatzinger, Ezekiel Fatzinger, and Espen McMahon; her nieces: McKinley Schafer, Hazel Schafer, Kyrie McMahon, and Journey McMahon; her aunt Margaret Snyder; her uncle Richard Schafer (wife Beverly Schafer); her cousins: Jeffrey Snyder (wife Chris Snyder), James Snyder (wife Tonya Snyder), Robert Snyder (wife Michelle Snyder), Ryan Schafer (wife Holly Schafer), and Russell Schafer (wife Christy Schafer).

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Chapel Service

MAY 15. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LD

“ Found this sweet pic of Erin & I that I wanted to share. Reminded me of the song Kyle wrote for her at their wedding. We are all so lucky to have known her.



Iola Dvorak - May 24, 2023 at 07:20 PM

LT

“ Erin was such a kind, lovely person. She will be missed by so many.
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Lindsay Thompson - May 17, 2023 at 08:48 PM

MJ

“ Erin befriended me through Girl Scouts. And though we didn’t hang out outside of Girl Scouts, I still call her friend. Her giggles and chuckles were always a pleasant sound to my ears; her hugs something to be sought after. Since her passing, I have reflected on her chronic struggles with health, yet boldness of love that she spread everywhere. It has challenged me to consider how I am impacting my community, loving my family, and using my strengths as well as sufferings to help others. It is challenging to think about how I could become a little more like Erin, even though my strengths are different. She passes on a legacy to us all, and though fiercely I wish she were here, I believe her passing is like a torch switching hands and the rest of us left behind will now bear that/those torches and brighten the world like Erin in a new way. And if this is the case, that I contemplate how to live life better, like Erin, then absolutely she lived an inspiring life well-lived. ❤️ Miss you friend.

Mandy Jacobson - May 16, 2023 at 06:05 AM

ME

“ To Erin’s family and friends.....I’m so sorry for the loss of this wonderful person. I was one of the lucky teachers that got to teach Erin music at Central High School in LaCrosse. She was a great musician. More importantly, she was a fantastic human being. She was level-headed and was a big influence in creating great musical moments with her fellow musicians in that amazing musical class of 1993 :). As an adult, I heard that she created a wonderful life for herself and for her family and friends. Rest in peace, dear one. Heaven just gained a beautiful soul and a beautiful alto.

Mike Esser

Mike Esser - May 14, 2023 at 08:06 PM

BR

“ It has been many years since I last saw Erin, but I have not forgotten the sweet, kind, bright young girl that was in my brownie and girl scout troop or the times she celebrated my daughter's birthdays at our house and played in the mud with their friends. I was pleased to hear she was still involved in scouting and mentoring young girls. I am sure she was an amazing mom. My prayers are with all who knew and loved her.

Bonnie Rung - May 14, 2023 at 06:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Erin Schafer Fatzinger.



May 12, 2023 at 03:41 PM

BF

“ Brian & Jan Fatzinger purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Erin Schafer Fatzinger.



Brian & Jan Fatzinger - May 12, 2023 at 03:30 PM

GS

“ Girl Scouts River Valleys Council Staff purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Erin Schafer Fatzinger.



Girl Scouts River Valleys Council Staff - May 11, 2023 at 01:42 PM

AM

“ Oh my goodness...Erin was one of my roommates at Dorian Summer Music Camp. We were able to reconnect during college when I attended Luther with some of her high school friends. I am so very sorry for all of you grieving the loss of such a special person. Sending you all my deepest sympathies.

Amanda - May 11, 2023 at 11:01 AM

AM

“ I knew Erin in college at UST. She and I sang in choir together for 4 years. She was a constant that I saw twice a week and became a good friend during our time at school.

She always had a caring heart and a love for those around her. She saw people for who they were and empowered them in their humanity.

I'll pray for the repose of her soul and for peace for her family. Fly high Erin!

Andy Milam - May 10, 2023 at 09:27 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Erin Schafer Fatzinger.



May 10, 2023 at 08:06 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Erin Schafer Fatzinger.*



May 10, 2023 at 03:11 PM



“ *I met Erin when our girls were infants at ECFE. She helped me feel empowered as a new Mom. She was good at that, making others feel good. Our lives intertwined throughout the years and I always appreciated her willingness to dig deep and have meaningful conversations and connections. But my favorite memory is when we took a group of Girl Scouts to the Boundary Waters. Oh the adventures we had! She will be so missed...*



Sara Conway - May 10, 2023 at 12:30 PM



“ *I knew Erin thru the kids dance class and ECFE. One of my favorite memories was of the time she brought a watermelon cut into the shape of a cake and have whipped cream on it, everyone was so excited for cake and said, “now don’t get too excited it’s just watermelon”. She was so easy to talk to and always had good advise. I will always cherish the time I got to spend with her.*

Angie Dreher - May 10, 2023 at 09:38 AM

KL

“ I worked with both Erin and Kyle and my lasting memory is of how caring and kind Erin is. And how loving she was to her children and Kyle. When Ella was born I stopped over and the love that showed in her eyes as she looked at Ella was precious. She was a beautiful person inside and out and touched so many people. She will be missed.

kelly Jo Lundgren - May 10, 2023 at 07:45 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Erin Schafer Fatzinger.



May 10, 2023 at 07:36 AM

TG

“ I am so saddened to hear of Erin's passing. I was the Girl Scout groups driver to Yellowstone 4 years ago. Erin and I hit it off really quick, as I did with the other adults and kids. One of the funniest things was when she came to stay with me in my hotel room one night because she wasn't feeling well. I had made a mistake and had originally gone to the wrong room. When Erin and I arrived and the place gave me the right key, we walked into a room with only one bed. We both laughed so hard at my mistake and even though it was a new friendship, we shared that bed we talked and giggled for hours. I will keep her family and friends in my thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace Erin.

Terri Gendler - May 09, 2023 at 10:51 PM