



Jennifer Gail (Stokes) Gunderson

July 1, 2018

Jennifer Gail (Stokes) Gunderson, 42, of Spring Lake Park, MN passed away unexpectedly at home on July 1st after a long battle with lupus, chronic pain, and depression. Born on October 18, 1975 in Hillsboro, IL to parents, Forrest Stokes and Carolyn (Mormino) Stokes. The family later relocated to Bentonville, AR where Jennifer met many life long friends and graduated a proud Bentonville Tiger. Jennifer spent much of her career working in retail, which she loved and thrived. While working for Walmart she transferred to Minnesota in the late 90's and later worked for a family friend owned business, 4D. She finished her working career at Bon Ton Stores as an executive assistant to Gary Pralle, whom she admired so much. Becoming permanently disabled in 2012, she stayed home her final six years with her boys. Jennifer met Ryan Gunderson in 2005, they married in 2006 and had their first son, Nevin in 2007. The family welcomed Noah in 2009. Jennifer loved her boys so much. The family enjoyed visiting family in Illinois, Arkansas, and California. Jennifer loved telling stories about her grandpa Ross, and also loved her pets Josie, Hanz, and Bella. She was a fan of St. Louis Cardinals baseball, Razorback and SEC football, and may have even had a soft spot for her husband's beloved Gophers.

Jennifer is survived by her loving husband and boys, parents Forrest (Virginia) Stokes of Hillsboro, IL, Carolyn Stokes (and family friend Mary Reiland) of Golden Valley, MN, sister Tamera (Michael) Rice of Santa Clarita, CA, in-

laws Darwin and Brenda Gunderson of St. Peter, MN, brother-in-laws David (Annette) Gunderson, Michael (Tamela) Gunderson and James Gunderson, nephews Sheldon Rice, Carson Gunderson, Kaylon and Kyzer Gunderson, nieces Makenzie and Peighton Gunderson, and Michaela Rice, and many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by grandparents Rosario and Marjorie Mormino, Bill and Dorothy Stokes, nephew Parker Gunderson and friend Christopher Reiland. Services will be held Friday, July 6 at 11:30am at the Cross of Christ Lutheran Church 9931 Foley Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433. Visitation will be held 2 hours prior to service. In Lieu of flowers, direct memorials to the family. Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel. (763)-767-1000

Tribute Wall



“ I met Jennifer on several occasions, both as my (future) husband Perry’s girlfriend, and more recently, at both my/Perry’s house warming party and again at Perry’s surprise 50th B-Day party.

Both the Jennifer as Perry’s girlfriend & Jennifer as Perry’s former girlfriend was a lovely, charming, & beautiful person inside and out. I even uttered a lame and oh-so-predictable joke to my husband Perry that, “he sure had great taste in women!”

All jokes aside, I know my sensibilities were spot-on. Jennifer was such a remarkable part of Perry’s life and went on to be even more remarkable to a loving husband and an amazing pair of boys.

I have heard such warm and endearing stories about Jennifer and wish I had the opportunity to have better known her. Truly, I do.

Jennifer, I am SO sorry for all of the pain you endured. I wish I could articulate the tumult that Perry and I feel about your passing. It’s not F’ing fair. No one can convince any of us otherwise.

Warm wishes, thoughts and love to all of Jennifer’s family.

*Godspeed,
Carrie King*

Carrie King - July 07, 2018 at 02:40 AM



“ *Ryan*
I am so sorry for your loss. My condolences are with you and your family.

Jim Lombardi - July 05, 2018 at 01:20 PM

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“ We are thinking of you Ryan and your family during this difficult time. You are in our prayers. Randy and Ronda Schleeve

Ronda Schleeve - July 05, 2018 at 11:49 AM

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Ronda Schleeve - July 05, 2018 at 11:48 AM



“ Jennifer was never afraid to say exactly how she felt so you always knew where you stood with her. I loved her beautiful smile and her wonderful laugh. When she loved, she loved with all her heart. If she was your friend then you knew she had your back no matter what. I love her like a sister and I have so many memories that I can't choose just one because they are all special. I will miss you with all my heart Jen!



Jodi Ratcliff-Martin - July 05, 2018 at 01:08 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jennifer Gail (Stokes) Gunderson.



July 04, 2018 at 09:10 PM

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“ Carolyn (Mom) lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Gail (Stokes) Gunderson



Carolyn (Mom) - July 04, 2018 at 03:43 PM

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“ I will always remember the time the arm of the couch fell off and Jen and Brea refused to owe up to it. They eventually gave in and fell asleep together on the couch!! She had a Beautiful Smile that would make you smile when you seen it! I Love You Jen!! Enjoy a pain free time in Heaven!! Till we meet again!! 💕💕

JoAnn Klein - July 03, 2018 at 09:21 PM