



## Jodi Jean Marie Watkins

June 30, 1979 - September 16, 2022

Jodi Jean Marie Watkins, age 43, formally of Eagan Minnesota passed away unexpectedly - but visibly at peace - in her sleep at her home in Normal Illinois on September 17, 2022

Jodi is survived by her two adoring sons Angelo Green (Alyssa Marie) & Isaiah Swain, loving mother Sherry Raynovich (Randy Sunder), devoted brother Matthew Jacobson (Eboni) and their children Andre', Wesley, Vanessa, and Brandon, and her beloved baby grandson Ahmir. She is also survived by loving aunts Jackie Veith, Kari Schouviller (Rick) and crazy cousins Chad Offerman, Nick, Andrea, and Lindsey Veith, and Kayleigh Schouviller.

Everyone who has ever met Jodi will remember her gigantic smile, contagious laugh, and huge, HUGE heart. She grew up in Eagan, MN, and was extremely close with her mom, brother, cousins, and lifelong friends. Later in life, she moved to Normal, IL with her two boys, but stayed in close touch with everyone through frequent visits, phone calls, and messages.

'Jodi' is spelled F-A-M-I-L-Y. You didn't have to be related by blood, but if you made it into Jodi's circle - you were family for life. She was fiercely protective, loving, generous and hilarious with anyone she considered family. Or not. Anyone who was around her was truly encompassed by her love and her

infectious personality. Jodi was a brilliant light that truly shone everywhere she went, and her presence turned any gathering into a party.

Jodi was a loving daughter - she was best friends with her mom Sherry until the very end, until the kiss on her forehead that ended up being the last. She adored her sons, Angelo and Isaiah, to absolute pieces - they were her pride and joy. Like her mother, Jodes was wonderful at managing to be both a mom AND a friend to her kids, and their house was ever alight with laughter and love. Most recently, she welcomed Ahmir into her life, and was SO excited being a grandma.

Jodi was the one you wanted by your side whether going out to party - as a former bouncer, she always had your back - or simply staying in and watching chick flicks, exchanging foot rubs, arm tickles, back scratches, and head massages. It was impossible to have a conversation with Jodi without your heart being warmed by her compassion, without feeling like you were being truly heard, without your abs hurting from laughter.

Our lives are now much quieter, less joyous, and have been dimmed by the loss of Jodi's bright light. May she rest forever in peace with those who have passed before, and we all look forward to being reunited with Jodi when we are welcomed home in heaven, and get enfolded in her arms for the biggest hug once more.

The family requests only one flower in her honor, to make "Jodi's memorial bouquet" as wonderful, diverse, and colorful and she was herself.

To make donations to help the family cover funeral expenses, please visit [https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-with-family-and-funeral-expenses-for-jodi?member=22181695&sharetype=teams&utm\\_campaign=p\\_na+share-sheet&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook](https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-with-family-and-funeral-expenses-for-jodi?member=22181695&sharetype=teams&utm_campaign=p_na+share-sheet&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook)



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