



Kylie Rae Steinbach

February 13, 1990 - December 8, 2023

Steinbach, Kylie Rae aged 33.

Vivacious and fiercely independent, beloved Kylie lost her battle with liver disease December 8th at home with her family by her side. The many friends, family members, and dogs in her life will miss her terribly. Kylie was a woman in constant motion. She loved cranky old craftsmen, working with tools, free materials, and underdogs. She lived in Seattle for many years, loving the rain but missing the Midwest thunderstorms. While there, she was employed in a variety of jobs befitting her endless curiosity and fearless love of new challenges. Kylie flourished wherever she planted herself, yet her heart never wandered far from the theatre world where she acted, directed, designed props, and costumed productions throughout her life. She belonged to that world after making her first costume at age six. Kylie performed at the Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland before graduating from high school, spent a semester studying art in New York City, and majored in Theatre at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa.

A stroke survivor, Kylie responded to her permanent vision impairment with her typical humor and independence, starting Half Blind Woodworks, her business in which she made a variety of art and craft objects from exotic woods. The streets of West Seattle are populated with custom made Little Free Libraries, a specialty over the last few years, all created with her own

unique wit and style. Her neighborhood will miss her extravagant Halloween and Christmas house decorations, as well as the baked treats she gifted to the neighbors as a form of introduction.

Kylie Rae is survived by her parents Kenneth and Kari Steinbach and Ernie, the rescue doxie she convinced them to adopt during her last weeks. She is also survived by her sister and partner in crime, Harper Leigh, sister-in-law Jess Chambers, close friend Drew Stam, and many Seattle friends who loved and supported her during difficult times. She leaves behind grandmother Lesta Barber; aunts and uncles Carol Steinbach, Kris (Jill) Barber, Shawnee (Craig) Boeddeker; and cousins Adeana Gilliland (Nick) and children Haley, Henry, and Louie; Phil Ward (Karen) and son Benjamin; William Walters; Caden Walters. Kylie is preceded in death by grandparents Ralph and Vivien Steinbach and Jon Barber, as well as aunts Vynnette Hamanne and Nancy Ward.

Celebration of Life Saturday, January 27th, 2024, 2:00 pm

Open Window Theatre

5300 S Robert Trail #400

Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

Light refreshments and a time to share Kylie stories afterwards.

Tribute Wall

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Tim Coxon - January 05, 2024 at 01:58 PM

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I am blessed with the photo of Kylie and myself doing what we love to do. Seeing live theater, SIX the musical July 2023! A great afternoon in Seattle! I will truly miss her laughter, her creative mind, and her enormous will to keep moving forward.

Tim Coxon - January 05, 2024 at 02:12 PM

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Thank you, Tim. I heard a lot about your work and theatre adventures with Kylie. She adored working with you and valued your friendship.

Kari Steinbach - January 23, 2024 at 07:37 AM

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“ *Sending love, light and heart-sharing sympathy.*

Linda McCollough and Cate Vermeland - December 18, 2023 at 07:12 PM