



Lydia Diane Waldstein

November 13, 1975 - November 19, 2021

Sam and Linda Waldstein, made her entrance into this world weeks before her due date on November 13, 1975. From that point onwards, she lived her life with zeal and the determination to conquer any obstacle that came her way. She was an extremely intelligent and creative child and could read extensively by the age of four. In 1993, she graduated from Litchfield high school in Minnesota. Despite her autoimmune health struggles which began at this time, Lydia completed her B.S. with a double major in Psychology and Philosophy and a Master's degree in Applied Social Research and Evaluation. Lydia was a compassionate person who selflessly devoted her life to helping those who were down and out. She was an administrator at a family homeless shelter in Denver, worked as a county social worker, cared for women at a domestic violence center in South Dakota, coordinated programs for different groups of children (immigrants, handicapped, etc.) and finally was an administrator of group homes in the Minneapolis area.

Lydia had an incredible range of talents and interests that included designing tattoos, cooking (esp. spicy Mexican food!), listening to unique music, singing, playing Pokémon Go with friends, interior decorating, intense weight lifting, gardening and collecting items like antiques, pottery and Funko Pop figures.

Lydia was a gifted leader who had incredible wisdom and insight. She was fun, honest and quirky. Despite her health that caused her to live in pain daily,

Lydia was always positive, worked hard, overcame her physical handicaps and demonstrated incredible strength and grit. She was truly one-of-a-kind.

Lydia adored children and especially loved spending time with her nephews and niece. Lydia was preceded in death by her grandparents Howard and Jeannette Waldstein and Oddmund and Evelyn Olsen and her mother Linda Krogh. She is survived by and will be dearly missed by her father, Sam Waldstein, sister Rachel Waldstein, brother and sister-in-law Daniel and Jessica Waldstein, nephews Luke and Ben and niece Chloe as well as many other aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.