



Holly Nicole McPhail

December 25, 1985 - January 7, 2021

It is with profound grief and heartbreaking sadness that we announce that Holly Nicole McPhail, aged 35, passed away in Buford, GA on January 7, 2021. Holly was born on Wednesday, December 25, 1985 at 3:00 pm – a true Christmas blessing to her parents. Holly loved the beach, moons & stars, cats, and reading affirmations of many authors, which she used in her own daily life. She also loved working at Costco, as well as many, many other interests. She had a very sophisticated as well as eclectic taste, and her immaculate and stylish home reflected this. Upon entering others homes, Holly always wanted to redecorate their house! She was a gifted and talented artist, and she scored off the charts on aptitude tests in non-verbal communication, which she channeled into her art. Holly's red hair reflected her true fiery personality, and she was loved by so many, including her many coworkers at Costco in Buford, GA, where she worked her way from the Bakery to the Optical Department as an Assistant. She struggled with depression and anxiety – often times overwhelming – but found comfort in talking it through with her Mom and close friends. But she also had a wicked sense of humor, mostly laughing at herself with others, and she was a fighter – not only in her own life, but for others as well. She graduated with high honors with an Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from ITT, and was Valedictorian of her class when she graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. This enabled her to work in surveillance and security at the Casinos in Tunica, MS, which she enjoyed. Holly became a mother at the age of 17. She knew the value of the dollar, and worked hard to raise her daughter all on her own. She worked and saved, worked and saved, and always had the most generous heart, helping others in need, all the while offering a sympathetic ear and opening her home to family and friends, no matter the reason. Holly is survived by her loving daughter, Jade Marie Bailey (Thomaston, GA), her Mother, Elizabeth Wolfgram Morgan (Louisville, TN), her sister, Daly Foncree (Tucson, AZ), and her Father, David McPhail (Oxford, MS). She is already greatly missed by her Aunt, Tracy Wolfgram Walker (Bill, Oak Ridge, TN), her uncles, James Wolfgram (Cecilia, Monterey, TN), Dan Wolfgram (Oak Ridge, TN), her Grandparents, Mary H. Sollie (Louisville, TN) and James Sollie (Tupelo, MS), her Uncle and Aunt, Ben and Charlotte McPhail (Oxford, MS), as well as her cousins including Becca Kidwell (Zackary, Oak Ridge, TN), Sarah Walker (Chris Ayers, Clinton, TN), Haley

Wolfgram (Sam, Grand Rapids, MI) Bree Baccki (PJ, MI), and other cousins, JJ Piotrowski, Lee McCullum, and Zack, Joshua and Alexis McPhail (MS). She also loved and was loved by her very special friend, Stephan Slack (Buford, GA), and her special friend, Matt Egan (Brayden, FL). Holly was preceded in death by her Maternal Grandfather, James G. Wolfgram, and her Paternal Grandparents, Brooks and Mary (Gan Gan) McPhail. Holly was a bright, bright light who still had so much more shine within her. She has left an unimaginable hole in the heart of those who loved her.

A celebration of Holly's life will be held in early summer. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made for Jade's future. Here is also the link to a Go Fund Me that one of Holly's friends has started:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/a-wallet-for-hollys-gemstone-jade?sharetype=teams&member=8016754&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=p_na+share-sheet&rcid=cb10af553330483aa00344d9bbf0577e

Comments



“ Such a beautiful person inside and out!! You always made me laugh! Fly high! I miss & love you!

valerie burchfield - June 03 at 02:03 PM



“ Valerie Burchfield lit a candle in memory of Holly Nicole McPhail



valerie burchfield - June 03 at 02:01 PM



“ Holly was my first born niece, who captured my heart the very first time I saw her! She was funny and loving, but also tough and rebellious at other times. Holly lived with us for a year in Madison, Wisconsin, where she enjoyed playing with her cousins, Becca and Sarah, helping me cook, and discussing science with her Uncle Bill. She loved the thought of becoming an Architect, but feared she wasn't smart enough. Once we got it through her tough little noggin that she was indeed very smart, she loved going online, looking at differently designed houses. She and I even drove around Madison, looking at the different Frank Lloyd Wright houses and buildings -- she loved seeing them, but always said, "I like it, but I would change it a little bit!" She loved to clean (which I never understood), but whenever she'd come home from school, she'd always say, "Aunt Tracy, can I clean your house?" (Who would turn that down?!) I have so many memories of and with Holly, for which I'm blessed. There were some tough times, but we always worked through them. She was loving and creative, and loved to teach Becca and Sarah some "naughty" words and such, but the 3 of them would always burst out laughing, as if they had the greatest secrets of all! I miss Holly so much, and the memories we made, and our often video messaging. I can still hear her voice when she'd sign off, and she'd always say, "I love you, Aunt Tracy" and I'd answer with, "I love you too, sweetie." She was often times a force to be reckoned with, but always full of love and laughter. I will always miss Holly and the light she shone.



Tracy Wolfgram Walker - February 02 at 01:50 PM