



Andrea Danielle Fencel

July 31, 1989 - May 19, 2015

Andrea Danielle “Annie” Fencel was born July 31, 1989 in Omaha, Nebraska to Tom Fencel and Kristi Boardman. She grew up in Elkhorn where she attended Hillrise Elementary School, and went on to graduate from Elkhorn High School in 2008. As a young girl, Annie developed an appreciation for the theater, spent time volunteering with the disabled, and LOVED to dance!

Annie worked at Juice Stop, Digz, and as a camp counselor at Saint Dorothy’s Camp. She was an avid Husker fan, and continued to volunteer with the disabled. Her kidney transplant 10 years ago gave her a new life, and it helped her become the lively, energetic, happy, determined, and outgoing young lady that everyone knew. Because of her transplant, she found Saint Dorothy’s Camp in California, a place she absolutely LOVED, and where she made so many friends who also had transplants. She could often be heard telling everyone to , “smile a while”, and will be remembered for the fact that, despite how bad she felt, she always had a smile for you.

Annie passed away suddenly on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 in Elkhorn, Nebraska at the age of 25 years, 9 months, and 19 days. She was preceded in death by her grandfather Ron Boardman. Annie is survived by father Tom (Denise) Fencel of Elkhorn, mother Kristi Boardman of Valley, brother Rod Fencel and sister Brooke Fencel both of Omaha, grandparents Arnold (Joyce) Fencel of Elkhorn, Barbara Boardman of Valley, stepsister Hannah Gunter, stepbrothers; Nic and Blake Gunter, cousin Dean, Annie’s kidney donor, and step grandparents Don and Donna Kisby.

Andrea D. "Annie" FencI, age 25, of Elkhorn, died 5-19-15. Preceded in death by grandfather Ron Boardman. Survived by father Tom (Denise) FencI of Elkhorn, mother Kristi Boardman of Valley, brother Rod FencI and sister Brooke FencI both of Omaha, grandparents Arnold (Joyce) FencI of Elkhorn, Barbara Boardman of Valley, stepsister Hannah Gunter, stepbrothers; Nic and Blake Gunter, and cousin Dean, Annie's kidney donor.

Funeral service 10 AM Saturday, Bethany Lutheran Church, Elkhorn. Private interment. Visitation Friday from 2-8 PM with family receiving friends from 6-8 PM at the funeral home in Elkhorn. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Cystinosis Foundation or St. Dorothy's Rest.

Tribute Wall



“ *Andrea Danielle FencI*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *My heart is heavy to realize this young lady's passing. When CVS Pharmacy withheld my Cystagon for 2 weeks, Annie sent much needed support. I only knew her for 7 months, but in that time she encouraged me to "put up my dukes" so to speak and smile in the face of Cystinosis. We met in Arizona at the Townhall meeting and sang "Everyone's A Little Bit Racist" by the swimming pool. A kindred theater spirit indeed! Beautiful daughter, sister, girlfriend and friend to all who knew her!*

Rebekah - May 27, 2015 at 06:15 PM



“ *What a beautiful angel that has now entered God's kingdom. Annie sounds like she was a beautiful gift to her family and so many others. I pray for your grieving heart and that you are comforted by all of the great memories you were able to store up over her years with you.*

Brenda (Duncan) Beasley - May 26, 2015 at 12:56 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Annie's passing. It was an honor to have known her. I will always remember her spunk for life! Sorry I could not be there.*

Rich Christensen - May 25, 2015 at 01:40 PM

MH

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Mark & Nancy (Sullivan) Hardey - May 23, 2015 at 05:42 AM

CO

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your daughter. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I cannot imagine how difficult and sad this time is for you all. I will be lifting you all up in prayers.

Carla Okrina - May 22, 2015 at 05:21 PM

FM

“ I am so very sorry for you all. I have such fond memories of Annie and your entire family, her life gave me hope for my daughters life. I will treasure my memories of your sweet girl and hope that you find peace in this sad time. Hugs and love from another of your Cystinosis family,
Frankie McGinnis

Frankie McGinnis - May 22, 2015 at 02:01 PM

LD

“ Tom and Denise, I am so sorry to hear about your loss of Annie. Annie and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Lorrie Salmans Dohn - May 22, 2015 at 01:24 PM

BA

“ To all of Annie's family. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. I am so sorry for your loss.

Beverly Biel Ayala - May 22, 2015 at 10:35 AM

BH

“ I am saddened by the loss of Annie. It was a pleasure to know her smile at Elkhorn High School. May prayers and fond memories provide comfort to a special family. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.

Bary Habrock - May 22, 2015 at 08:57 AM

PB

“ TOM AND FAMILY - SO VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AT THIS TIME.

PAM AND JIM BUSSEN - May 22, 2015 at 01:26 AM

ME

“ Tom I sure am sorry for you loss and will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers

Michelle "Norton" Erickson - May 21, 2015 at 08:49 PM

DM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Annie. She was such a wonderful person. Annie was a good friend of my daughter Allie's when they worked at Juice Stop together for years. I remember going up to visit the girls at work and having lots of laughs. She will be missed. Please know that her friends loved her. My heart goes out to you and your family. With Deep Sympathy, Deb Marshall

Deb Marshall - May 21, 2015 at 06:22 PM

NG

“ Annie you were a wonderful member of the New Energy Dance and Project 1371 family. You always were there supporting and cheering everyone on. Your smile will be remembered in our hearts forever. Much love and I will cherish all the memories & laughter you and our team had together. Rest in peace.

Nicole Gottsch - May 20, 2015 at 03:50 PM

PD

“ Though I did not know you personally, you were part of a very special family circle. We're very sorry to see you go, but you are in a much better place and pain free and no longer have to worry about taking all those meds. May you fly freely and happily during this next journey. May your family remember the good times and manage to smile, laugh and celebrate when they do. Love and prayers to your family! Amen...

Portia Devine - May 20, 2015 at 11:50 AM

KR

“ Tom and family, I was so stunned to hear of Annie's passing. Memories pop up so easily of her sweet face--warm smiles and twinkle in the eyes. I will miss seeing you all in clinic and seeing what sparkly flip flops she will show up in next. You all always had such an easy/comfortable way about you that brings a calmness and fun when you're around. Our cystinosis community and our family are praying for you all with open hearts and sending our love. Tom, Zack in particular sends you a hug. The Ritchies

Karen and Frank Ritchie - May 20, 2015 at 09:59 AM

AT

“ Tom and family: Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Ann Roper Tarr - May 20, 2015 at 09:07 AM

ST

“ I had just met Annie at the conference in Phoenix. She immediately touched my heart. She was beautiful and had a smile that lasted for days. I am so very sorry for your loss. Keeping your family lifted in prayer. My deepest sympathies to her family and all that knew and loved Annie.

Shelly Trudell - May 20, 2015 at 08:20 AM

CM

“ Brooke and Kris,

I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love always,

Colleen McNamara
From CAST PIC days

Colleen McNamara - May 20, 2015 at 02:57 AM

KF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. You'll all be in my thoughts. I'm glad to have gotten the chance to meet Annie; I could tell she was a very remarkable and talented person.

Katie Foote - May 19, 2015 at 09:37 PM