



Jessica Ann Manna

September 22, 1976 - April 23, 2024

Jessica Ann Manna lived a life full of activity, compassion, and devotion. Born on September 22nd, 1976 in Kearney, her early years took her from Kearney to Bellevue, finally settling in Gretna, where she completed her high school education. Her adolescence was full of extracurriculars, from sports like cross country and track to involvement in a myriad of clubs, music groups, both band and vocal, plus church activities as well.

Post-graduation, Jessica pursued her passion for education, earning her degree in Elementary Education from Grace College of the Bible and Peru State College. Her desire to be connected extended beyond academics as she continued to engage in music groups and cheerleading during her college years. It was during this time that she also met Stephen, her future husband.

Their love story moved swiftly, leading to marriage shortly after graduation. Jessica then embarked on her teaching journey, pouring her heart into young minds in various roles. Almost three years into their marriage, Jessica and Stephen ventured into short-term missionary work in Mossoro, Brazil, further desiring to discern God's call on their lives through serving others.

After returning, the next ten years brought a new season in their lives with the birth of their three children, Christina, Mikayla, and Josiah. Over those years, from West Point to Shenandoah and eventually settling in Omaha, Jessica

truly committed to her roles as a wife, mother, friend, educator, and member of the church. Her days were filled with caring for her family, contributing to her church, and pursuing various interests, all while staying connected to friends old and new.

Jessica was driven by a desire to be significant in the lives of those around her. When her children entered their adolescent years, she pursued a new career path, transitioning to Thrivent Financial. Despite facing some challenges along the way, she approached her work with determination, earning certifications and commendations from those who worked alongside her.

However in 2022, Jessica's journey took a drastic turn. She was confronted with the diagnosis of inflammatory breast cancer, a battle she fought hard with a deep trust in God. She acknowledged “to live is Christ, and to die is gain”, knowing the Spirit’s presence upheld her in the experience. God carried her home on April 23rd, 2024. Her departure has left a void in the lives of those who knew her, but her legacy of warmth, compassion, friendliness, and faithfulness in the triune God will endure.

Jessica's life served as a blessing to all who had the privilege of crossing paths with her. Her active commitment to her family, her circle of friends, and her faith in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ left a lasting mark on the world, a testament to the impact one person can have through a life lived in the love and grace of God.

Jessica is preceded in death by her grandparents; Glenn and Delores Hunter, Beth Magill, and Ray and Fran Magill. She is survived by her husband; Stephen, Children; Christina (Noel) Peterson, Mikayla Manna, and Josiah Manna, parents; Jerry and Renae Magill, sisters; Monica (Andy) Herd, nieces and nephews; Nathan, Katelyn, and Megan Herd and Alyssa (John)

Krogstrand, nieces and nephews; Mitchell, Rebecca, and Addison Krogstrand, brothers and sisters-in-laws; Mike (Judy) Manna and Jeff (Shana) Manna, sisters and brothers-in-laws; Susie (Nelson) Jenkins and Shari (Dan) Holmes.

Funeral Services will be held 10:00am Monday, April 29th at Coram Deo Church (8787 Pacific Street). Visitation with family will be from 3:00 - 6:00pm Sunday at the Church. Graveside services will be held at the Herman Cemetery in Herman, NE following the services.

In Lieu of flowers, the Family suggests memorials to: Coram Deo Church (<http://cdomaha.com>), Project Pink'd (<https://projectpinkd.org/join-the-movement/donate.html>), or Memories for Kids (<https://memoriesforkids.org/donate>).

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **28**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Coram Deo Church
8787 Pacific Street
Omaha, NE 68114

Funeral Ceremony

APR **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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8787 Pacific Street
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Tribute Wall

AK

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Jessica when we took the photo shown on this page at Thrivent a few years ago. Such an incredibly wonderful person who bubbled with positivity and warmth. My deepest condolences to her family, friends and colleagues.

Amy Kierzek - May 01, 2024 at 03:35 PM

JD

“ Jerry and Renae - Brett and I offer our love and prayers to you in this difficult time.
Much love to your family.
Judy & Brett Downey

Judith Downey - April 29, 2024 at 03:40 PM

KW

“ I had the honor of working with Jessica. She was such a wonderful person, and I am incredibly saddened to hear of her loss. My deepest condolences to her family during this tough time.

Kai Walby - April 28, 2024 at 07:13 PM

RF

“ Jerry and Renae - My thoughts and prayers go out to you both and your family and all of Jessica's family in the loss of your beautiful Jessica. My deepest condolences and sympathy - Roberta (Lammers) Fulton

Roberta Fulton - April 28, 2024 at 04:09 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jessica Ann Manna.*



April 27, 2024 at 02:56 PM



“ *All our love Frank & Lori (White) Ruter purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Jessica Ann Manna.*



All our love Frank & Lori (White) Ruter - April 26, 2024 at 11:14 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jessica Ann Manna.*



April 26, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Jessica Ann Manna.*



April 26, 2024 at 12:47 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jessica Ann Manna.*



April 26, 2024 at 11:10 AM



“ *Kathy and Rick Kacena purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jessica Ann Manna.*



Kathy and Rick Kacena - April 25, 2024 at 10:43 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jessica Ann Manna.*



April 25, 2024 at 07:02 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Jessica Ann Manna.*



April 25, 2024 at 12:44 PM

SF

“ Stephen & Joy Abels and family purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Jessica Ann Manna.



Stephen & Joy Abels and family - April 25, 2024 at 11:29 AM

TF

“ The Meriden E. Free Church Family purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Jessica Ann Manna.



The Meriden E. Free Church Family - April 25, 2024 at 11:28 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Jessica Ann Manna.



April 25, 2024 at 09:11 AM