



Jessica Faye Nielsen

August 27, 1975 - January 6, 2019

Jessica Faye (Anderson) Nielsen was born August 27, 1975 in Newcastle, Wyoming to Gerald and Judith (Zingery) Anderson. Jessica grew up in Newcastle where she attended Gertrude Burns Elementary School, and graduated from Newcastle High School in 1993. She went on to attend college, earning her Bachelor's degree from the University of Wyoming, then a Bachelor's degree in nursing at Creighton University. She then completed her Master's degree and earned her Doctorate degree as a Nurse Practitioner at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. As a young girl, Jessica was active in cross country, track, basketball and cheerleading. In high school, she was student council President as a freshman, sophomore, and junior. As a senior, Jessica was student body president, and was voted both homecoming queen, and student of the year.

Jessica married Larry Nielsen on August 10, 2001 on the beach at Maui, Hawaii. In addition to Larry's two children, Ryan and Taylor, Jessica and Larry welcomed Jada, Tanner, and Hollyn to their family. They made their home near Bennington, Nebraska.

Jessica has worked in nursing and health care through the years, as well as serving as an Assistant Professor at UNMC, and the owner of Go Thrive On. She has been part of the Saddlebrook Moms club, the Real Housewives of Waterford, and the Elite Cheer Mom Squad.

Jessica will be remembered as a relentless, energetic, mindful, loving, thoughtful, and social woman. She enjoyed journaling, meditating, running (including finishing 7 marathons), and promoting self-growth. She was a huge Husker fan, and loved all kinds of music. Her favorite foods were sushi or a salad, and she could often be found drinking a diet Mountain Dew, a Coors Light, or sipping red wine. You may even hear her tell you, "I'm gonna punch you", "in a hot minute", or "I'm gonna kick your ass"! Jessica was proud of her school degrees, and always looked forward to the various trips or reunions that were coming up next. She most enjoyed summers, and cherished her marriage to Larry, the births of her children, and all the time she was able to spend cheering the kids on in all their activities. Larry and Jessica's family want you to know that you only experienced a small fraction of how truly loving and amazing she was.

Jessica died unexpectedly at her home near Bennington on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at the age of 43 years, 4, months, and 10 days. She was preceded in death by her father-in-law David Nielsen. Jessica is survived by her husband Larry, children Ryan (Malia) Nielsen, Taylor (Danny) Scott, Jada, Tanner, and Hollyn Nielsen, parents Gerald & Judith Anderson, siblings Gary Anderson, Teresa (John) Dominick, and Jennifer (Brady) Blake, mother-in-law Margaret Nielsen, brothers-in-law Charles and James (Latchmi) Nielsen.

Jessica F. Nielsen, age 43, of Bennington, died 1/6/19. Preceded in death by father-in-law David Nielsen. Survived by husband Larry, children Ryan (Malia) Nielsen, Taylor (Danny) Scott, Jada, Tanner, and Hollyn Nielsen, parents Gerald & Judith Anderson, siblings Gary Anderson, Teresa (John) Dominick, and Jennifer (Brady) Blake, mother-in-law Margaret Nielsen, brothers-in-law Charles and James (Latchmi) Nielsen.

Celebration of Life service 6 PM Friday, St. Andrew's United Methodist Church. Visitation Thursday at the church from 6-8:30 PM. Private interment. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Jessica Nielsen Memorial Fund at US Bank to be used with an emphasis on Batten's research and Project Pink'd.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)

St. Andrew United Methodist Church
15050 W. Maple Rd.
Omaha, NE 68164

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

JN

“ You are so very missed I somehow stumbled upon this page and feel it is selfish of me not to say how much I loved and cared about Jessica (my mother) I miss you everyday and I think of you often.

jada nielsen - March 22, 2023 at 08:23 PM



“ Jessica Faye Nielsen

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Jessica Faye Nielsen.



January 14, 2019 at 12:34 PM

SS

“ Sandi Crum Shook lit a candle in memory of Jessica Faye Nielsen



sandi Crum Shook - January 14, 2019 at 11:48 AM

SS

I remember Jessica as a little girl, I watched her grow into a Beautiful ,sweet young woman. We were friends on FB and was able to see photos of her lovely family! She always had such an awesome smile~I know her family very well and I know she will always and forever will be missed!! Gods Blessing always to her precious family!

sandi Crum Shook - January 14, 2019 at 11:58 AM

JV

“ *Jessica Vitalis lit a candle in memory of Jessica Faye Nielsen*



Jessica Vitalis - January 11, 2019 at 11:42 PM

DE

“ *The first day I started my new teaching position at UNMC I was greeted by a smiling Jessica. That smile never left her face. Her office was on the same floor as mine so I ran into her often in the copy room, hallways, and lunch room. I have since retired but I will never forget Jessica's smile, energy and incredible love for all people. My sincere condolences to the family.*

Dee Ernesti - January 11, 2019 at 08:21 PM

U2

“ *UNMC Acute Care DNP Class of 2020 purchased the Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant for the family of Jessica Faye Nielsen.*



UNMC Acute Care DNP Class of 2020 - January 11, 2019 at 02:43 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I did not have the privilege of knowing Jessica but it sounds like she was an extraordinary person who will be deeply missed. With deepest sympathy,

*Stephanie Jurgens
Kiewit Middle School*



Stephanie Jurgens - January 11, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ So incredibly sad to hear this. I remember Jessica as a beautiful little girl that spent time with us. My heart goes out to all of you. ❤️
Jennelle Williams-Werner

jennelle - January 10, 2019 at 08:20 PM



“ Jessica was my 1st cousin. Although almost 20 yrs younger than she was, she always called me when she came to Vegas. Thank goodness, I met up with her and Larry and their friends, down on Fremont St the last time she was here.
She was a beautiful, funny, vivacious firecracker of a person and I will always remember the hug she gave me when she first spotted me that last time.
Your loss will forever be felt....but so will the love you gave to family and friends. RIP, honey.

Sue Wieser - January 10, 2019 at 05:42 PM

LO

“ Love, Gary, Joan, Chelsie and Tanner Olson purchased the Adoring Heart for the family of Jessica Faye Nielsen.



Love, Gary, Joan, Chelsie and Tanner Olson - January 10, 2019 at 12:35 PM

SU

“ As a friend of her mother, Judy, I am so saddened by Jessica's passing. My prayers are all I can offer. I knew Jessica as a grade school student as I worked with her mother. I remember her smile and enthusiasm. She was a bright spirit and a very special daughter. I pray for God to help this family through this terrible time. Love to Judy and Jerry as well as the rest of her family.



Sue(Frary)Zimbelman - January 10, 2019 at 09:53 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jessica Faye Nielsen.



January 10, 2019 at 08:21 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Jessica Faye Nielsen.*



January 09, 2019 at 11:44 PM



“ *With deepest sympathy to Jessica’s family during this difficult time. Jessica will be missed by so many that she inspired.*



Theresa Brott - “93” School classmate - January 09, 2019 at 11:04 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Jessica Faye Nielsen.*



January 09, 2019 at 10:08 PM



“ *Chris Lemke lit a candle in memory of Jessica Faye Nielsen*



Chris Lemke - January 09, 2019 at 09:02 PM

S(

“ *Suzanne, Jennifer & Jessica (Pickerd) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jessica Faye Nielsen.*



Suzanne, Jennifer & Jessica (Pickerd) - January 09, 2019 at 08:58 PM

RO

“ *Jessica had set her mind to running the Honolulu marathon. Her first running was in 98 or 99. I had the opportunity to show her a bit of the island while she was on Oahu. She was a very determined person and it was my pleasure to know her as a friend.*

Rob - January 09, 2019 at 08:24 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jessica Faye Nielsen.*



January 09, 2019 at 07:56 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Jessica Faye Nielsen.*



January 09, 2019 at 06:14 PM

SR

“ *Saying special prayers for all of you - such a hard time. May peace find its way into your hearts.* ”

Shelley Reed - January 09, 2019 at 05:12 PM

DB

“ *David And Joni Brown lit a candle in memory of Jessica Faye Nielsen* ”



David and Joni Brown - January 09, 2019 at 04:30 PM

MS

“ *Mike & Brad Stith purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Jessica Faye Nielsen.* ”



Mike & Brad Stith - January 09, 2019 at 02:23 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Jessica Faye Nielsen.* ”



January 09, 2019 at 02:20 PM

RP

“ *Rhonda Purviance lit a candle in memory of Jessica Faye Nielsen*



Rhonda Purviance - January 09, 2019 at 01:49 PM

TF

“ *It's very hard to put into words just how special Jessica and her family are to our family. Memories of late night get-togethers, poker nights and days out on the boat all hold a special place in our families hearts. Jessica's energy, positive spirit and devotion to her family made her a perfect roll model and friend. Due to her loving and caring spirit everyone she was around knew they were family. We were truly blessed to know her and will hold dear our special memories.*

The Clark Family - January 09, 2019 at 11:45 AM

JM

“ *Praying for healing and hopefulness for Jessica's family and friends. She was a true joy to work with. She was always upbeat and had such great intelligence. The news of her death is such a shock.*

Jami Monico - January 09, 2019 at 10:39 AM

RA

“ *Rob & Jo Akers lit a candle in memory of Jessica Faye Nielsen*



rob & Jo Akers - January 09, 2019 at 09:25 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jessica Faye Nielsen.



January 08, 2019 at 11:12 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Jessica Faye Nielsen.



January 08, 2019 at 10:09 PM



“ *Peace Eternal Wreath* was purchased for the family of Jessica Faye Nielsen.



January 08, 2019 at 09:35 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Jessica Faye Nielsen.



January 08, 2019 at 08:39 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jessica Faye Nielsen.*



January 08, 2019 at 03:13 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jessica Faye Nielsen.*



January 08, 2019 at 08:57 AM



“ *Jessica was a tremendous nurse practitioner, educator and colleague. I worked with her at UNMC College of Nursing and she was also my instructor for the Advanced Health Assessment course I took while completing my NP certificate at UNmC. I loved talking to Jessica about distance running and she encouraged me to run my first marathon in Lincoln this past spring, and provided me with tips regarding the course and what to expect. She always had a friendly smile and will be greatly missed.*

Kelly Gonzales - January 07, 2019 at 07:13 PM



“ *Jessica was a fellow faculty member at the College of Nursing, and also a former student of mine. She was truly a kind and caring person -- our offices were only a few doors away and she always had a smile. Such a loss to so many.*

MARY CRAMER - January 07, 2019 at 12:00 PM

BL

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and Prayers are with the family at this time of need.

Brianna Lakin - January 07, 2019 at 09:14 AM

DW

So very sorry for your loss of such a lovely young lady! She difinitely will be missed by many!
Dorothy & Mike Waggener

Dorothy Waggener - January 07, 2019 at 09:15 PM