



Kayla Elaine Matulka

March 18, 1993 - July 15, 2020

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Kayla Matulka Memorial Fund at Washington County Bank in Blair, NE

Kayla Elaine Matulka was born March 18, 1993 in Omaha, Nebraska to Joseph and Tammi (Milenkovich) Matulka.

As a baby and young girl, Kayla always had a tag to rub her fingers on to soothe her. She was always eager for trips with dad to grandpa and grandma Matulka's family farm near Appleton, NE where she would gladly help with garden work or any other duties grandpa or grandma asked, and she got to play with Spottie the dog, and the kittens.

Kayla also enjoyed going to Yutan where she would run in and say "Hi" to grandpa and grandma Milenkovich, then run next door to see her aunt, uncle, and cousins. She enjoyed setting up plays, dances, playing dress up, and in the summer, picking mulberries. Family was important to Kayla, and several of her cousins were like extra sisters.

Kayla developed a love for music, and her sisters fondly remember on the car rides out to see relatives, they always wanted to listen to "sleepy music" which included Tom Petty and Eric Clapton.

Kayla absolutely loved numbers, and she started learning very early.

Beginning at 4 days old until she was two years, she went to work every day with mommy where she played with the calculator and adding machine, and sat on mommy's lap and watched as mommy did the daily accounting

activities. Kayla and her mother had a very strong bond as a result of being together 24/7 for these first two years.

Kayla grew up in Blair, Nebraska where she attended Blair Community Schools, and later transferred to Fort Calhoun High School where she enjoyed cheerleading. Kayla excelled in school and received her GED in 2009 from Metro Community College at the age of sixteen. Kayla loved taking online classes and earned her Business Administration Degree in June 2013 from Southeast Community College, followed by her Associate of Arts Degree from Northeast Community College in December 2013. Kayla continued online classes through Nebraska Wesleyan University from 2014-2019, and was enrolled at UNL for classes this fall to finish her Bachelor's Degree.

Kayla's greatest joy in life was when she became the proud mother of Jayden Matulka in 2009, and Kinzlea Greisen in 2014. She raised her children in Lincoln, but recently moved to a home in Malmo, Nebraska. She cherished her children, and was always active with them, taking them to movies, going bowling and going on all sorts of adventures. Her children meant everything to her. All her hard work was to give them the best life possible.

Kayla was very independent, and worked hard to take care of her children and herself. She worked for Husker Co-operative, Bank of the West, US Bank, the City Attorney's office in Lincoln, and most recently for the City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department. She also was a waitress at Lippy's BBQ in Malcolm, NE, just for the fun of it, and she enjoyed being around people, family, and friends. She never wanted to be bored! She enjoyed doing home remodeling projects and the challenge of "Do It Yourself" projects.

Kayla was a caring, compassionate, strong, independent woman, who was full of life. She enjoyed boating, camping, traveling, and riding her motorcycle. She was into her health and fitness, took her fashion seriously, and had an affinity for tattoos and selfies. She enjoyed being silly, and her sisters would always joke with her about her laugh. Everyone in the family had a different nickname for her: to mom, she was "Naughty Nelly" or "Weezer", to dad, she was "Kiwi", "Key", or "Kay". Rachael called her "Q", and Heather called her

“Kay”. She was very competitive, hated losing, and success was always her goal. Kayla will be remembered as a friendly, hard-working, sweet, free-spirited, beautiful woman, who always had a smile on her face. She worked through hardships and overcame them with resilience. Her strong and loving soul can be summarized in her favorite quote, “I want to be like a sunflower, so that even on the darkest days, I will stand tall, and find the sunlight.”

Kayla died tragically on July 15, 2020 at her home in Malmo, Nebraska at the age of 27 years, 3 months, and 28 days. She was preceded in death by her grandfather Richard Milenkovich and grandparents Joseph B. and Ann Matulka. Kayla is survived by her children Jayden Matulka and Kinzlea Greisen, and their father, Anthony Greisen, mother Tammi Matulka (Ronald Cox), father Joseph F. (Anne) Matulka, sisters Rachael (Joel) Kuhr and Heather (Trenton) Hansen all of Blair, grandmother Verna Milenkovich of Yutan, nieces and nephew: Madelyn and MaKenna Kuhr, and Henry, Claire and Sophia Hansen, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Kayla E. Matulka, age 27, of Malmo, NE, formerly of Lincoln, died 7/15/2020. Preceded in death by grandfather Richard Milenkovich and grandparents Joseph B. and Ann Matulka. Survived by children Jayden Matulka and Kinzlea Greisen, and their father, Anthony Greisen, mother Tammi Matulka (Ronald Cox), father Joseph F. (Anne) Matulka, sisters Rachael (Joel) Kuhr and Heather (Trent) Hansen all of Blair, grandmother Verna Milenkovich of Yutan, nieces and nephew: Madelyn and MaKenna Kuhr, and Henry, Claire and Sophia Hansen, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Visitation Friday, July 24 from 2-8 PM with family present from 5-8 PM at Reichmuth Funeral Home, Elkhorn. Services will be available for viewing on www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com after 2 PM Saturday the 25th. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Kayla Matulka Memorial

Fund at the Washington County Bank in Blair, NE.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **24.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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Family will receive friends

JUL **24.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Kayla Elaine Matulka*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - July 24, 2020 at 07:01 PM

KA

“ *I'm terribly sorry for your tragic death. You are living a Heavenly life now.*

Kenneth Alderman - September 06, 2024 at 11:55 AM



“ *Kayla Elaine Matulka*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM

SS

“ *Sonja Stolfa lit a candle in memory of Kayla Elaine Matulka*



Sonja Stolfa - August 02, 2020 at 09:51 PM

SS

My dear niece,

We are heart broken and so sad that you left us too soon. We hope you are free of all your earthly pain and worries. We will always remember your beautiful smile and your free spirit.

Rest in Peace.

Love Aunt Sonja and Uncle Bernard, Joey, Patrick and Claire.

Sonja Stolfa - August 02, 2020 at 10:05 PM

MM

“ *My deepest sympathies and comforting prayers are with all of the family. May God bring you peace.*



Mindy Miller - July 26, 2020 at 07:29 PM

TW

“ *My sweet niece I will miss you so much. I'm sorry I have been so far away. For you I will plant a tree for you at our farm so you can always reach for the sun. We miss you and love you. You will be forever in our hearts.*

Terri ward - July 25, 2020 at 08:48 PM

TW

“ *Terri Ward lit a candle in memory of Kayla Elaine Matulka*



Terri ward - July 25, 2020 at 08:41 PM

TB

“ Lots of prayers for your children, family members and friends 🙏



Tonya Brandt - July 25, 2020 at 01:18 AM

TM

“ People prepare to lose grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles. It is the natural order of things. No one really plans on losing a family member your own age. I fondly remember playing with my cousin Kayla on weekends at Grandma’s farm. Even though it’s been a long time since we last climbed that old fallen down cottonwood tree, her loss is felt. My condolences to her immediate family. I apologize for being unable to come any services, I sincerely wish I could have been present.

Trevor Matulka - July 24, 2020 at 09:31 PM

DC

“ Dee Coon lit a candle in memory of Kayla Elaine Matulka



Dee Coon - July 24, 2020 at 02:55 PM

GS

“ Joe, I am so so sorry for your loss. In this time of your loss, my hear grieves for you and her children.

Gupta

Gupta Sookram - July 24, 2020 at 01:23 PM

PM

“ Please give to Anne and Joe Matulka purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Kayla Elaine Matulka.



Please give to Anne and Joe Matulka - July 24, 2020 at 10:32 AM

CH

“ No words can describe your grief and loss. Kayla, who was your mother, daughter, sister, niece, cousin and friend will be missed by all. Hearfelt condolences. Sincerley, Christina Hitz



Christina Hitz - July 22, 2020 at 02:27 PM

MK

“ Joe & Ann, I am so sad for your loss and I am sending you our sympathy and hugs to offer some comfort to you. We will keep you, Kayla and your grandchildren in our prayers. Love and peace be with you. Al and Mary Kay Koontz

Mary Kay Koontz - July 22, 2020 at 01:07 PM

TK

“ The Pearson Family and West School Kids purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kayla Elaine Matulka.



The Pearson Family and West School Kids - July 22, 2020 at 12:50 AM

AB

“ I remember the first time I met you... you brought packets to my office and told me you liked to use colored paper to separate each packet... you would choose the color of paper depending on your mood, but yellow was for the sunny days!! Your life was taken way too soon and you're greatly missed by so many!



Angie Birkett - July 21, 2020 at 11:48 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kayla Elaine Matulka.



July 21, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ I'll never forget the bus trip to ghetto blasters. We had a blast! RIP sweet girl.



Terrin Perdew - July 20, 2020 at 05:31 PM

AR

“ Ashlee Rane lit a candle in memory of Kayla Elaine Matulka



Ashlee Rane - July 20, 2020 at 12:46 PM

RC

“ Randy & Leslie Carlholm purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kayla Elaine Matulka.



Randy & Leslie Carlholm - July 20, 2020 at 12:24 PM

FC

“ Farmers Union Cooperative purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Kayla Elaine Matulka.



Farmers Union Cooperative - July 20, 2020 at 12:20 PM

VG

“ Vinna Greisen lit a candle in memory of Kayla Elaine Matulka



Vinna Greisen - July 20, 2020 at 11:58 AM

LM

“ We'll always have great memories of Kayla coming over to our house to play with her cousins, making funny home movies and going on outings with our family. The girls came to think of each other like sisters. Kayla had a beautiful smile and a great laugh. She was full of energy, smart, strong and independent. We we're proud of her. We love her and will miss her dearly. She will forever be on our hearts.

Love Uncle Tony and Aunt Laurie

Laurie Milenkovich - July 19, 2020 at 08:23 PM

BA

“ Brian And Kathy Adams lit a candle in memory of Kayla Elaine Matulka



Brian and Kathy Adams - July 19, 2020 at 08:50 AM

JK

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family of this beautiful young angel.



Josi Kasik - July 19, 2020 at 12:10 AM

WF

“ *Whitehead Family lit a candle in memory of Kayla Elaine Matulka*



Whitehead Family - July 18, 2020 at 03:59 PM



LC

“ *Linda Coleman lit a candle in memory of Kayla Elaine Matulka*



Linda Coleman - July 18, 2020 at 03:34 PM

KD

“ *She was vibrant and full of life!
And she always had a smile on 
My prayers are with the children, their Father
and all of her family and friends *



Kandi DeAnda - July 18, 2020 at 10:45 AM

DM

“ *Our hearts are broken. Memories of you, from childhood to adulthood, will remain forever and create unbearable sorrow and tears. Peace forever Kayla. Uncle David and Aunt Ruth*

David Matulka - July 17, 2020 at 06:03 PM

KL

“ I remember going shopping in Grand Island (girls trip). Fun times, eating, shopping and making memories. Thank you for making Anthony a father. Fly high with the angels!

Keith and Shelly Loeffler - July 17, 2020 at 04:47 PM

KL

“ Keith And Shelly Loeffler lit a candle in memory of Kayla Elaine Matulka



Keith and Shelly Loeffler - July 17, 2020 at 04:40 PM

DL

“ Dolly Lund lit a candle in memory of Kayla Elaine Matulka



Dolly Lund - July 17, 2020 at 03:33 PM

DL

Prayers and Peace to Kayla's family and children. God Bless you Kayla with Eternal life with our Savior 🕊️ ✝️ 🌸 🌺 🌻 🌹 🌸 🌺 🌻 🌹

Dolly Lund - July 17, 2020 at 03:36 PM

DF

We are so deeply sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you all.

Dave and Teresa Foxvog - July 18, 2020 at 01:53 PM

RM

“ *My condolences to Kayla's family and prayers for her.*

Bob Matulka

Robert R Matulka - July 17, 2020 at 03:14 PM

NG

“ *Nancy Greisen lit a candle in memory of Kayla Elaine Matulka*



nancy greisen - July 17, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kayla Elaine Matulka.*



July 16, 2020 at 08:26 PM