



Marissa Marie Carstensen

April 29, 2013 - April 7, 2026

Marissa Marie Carstensen, 12, of Elkhorn, passed away on April 7, 2026. She was preceded in death by her dad, Kevin Carstensen; Grandpa Roger Britten; grandparents Deb and Steve Uarich; and her special aunt, Bootsie.

She is lovingly survived by her parents, Jenna and Dane Uarich; her sisters, Leah Carstensen and Berkly Uarich; grandparents Jim and Joan Carstensen of Lincoln, NE, and Pam Britten of Elkhorn; uncles Brian (Amanda) Britten and their children Abigail and Allison; Chad (Lisa) Carstensen and their children Emily, Henry, and Myles; and Craig (Becca) Carstensen and their children Breckyn, Casen, and Kyler. She is also survived by her special friends Lily, Annabelle, Kinley, and Elise, and her beloved dog, Teddy.

Marissa was born on April 29, 2013, in Lincoln, NE. From day one, she was the most perfect baby. As soon as she could toddle around, she developed a deep love for animals, especially dogs. Her first word was “puppy,” and her dream was always to become a veterinarian. She cherished her purple elephant, which she carried everywhere for many years and still slept with each night.

Marissa had an incredible artistic talent and a passion for creativity. She loved art classes and was talented beyond her years. She loved exploring new techniques and was always eager to learn and create. She especially enjoyed

making special gifts for her best friends. There truly wasn't anything she couldn't make, as her imagination was boundless.

She also enjoyed playing volleyball and making new friends. This year, she tried show choir for the first time and absolutely loved it. Marissa adored every shade of blue and brought brightness wherever she went. She especially loved spending time with her sisters, building Legos together and doing puzzles. Her favorite was beating grandpa in a game of marbles. She also loved being with her friends, riding scooters, building forts, and making the most of every moment together. One of her favorite things to do was take Teddy on walks.

Anyone who knew Marissa loved her, and she left a lasting impression on everyone she met. She had a smile that lit up every room and a positivity that touched everyone around her. She was a wonderful student and an avid reader, often finishing books faster than anyone else. She especially loved the Harry Potter series and was thrilled to visit Harry Potter World at Universal Studios this past summer.

Marissa loved going to the beach, where she enjoyed collecting seashells. She and Dane made it a tradition to go scuba diving on vacations, which she always looked forward to and cherished deeply. She also treasured the annual girls trips with beloved friends J.J., Kiki, and Bryn Reese, which were always filled with fun, laughter, and unforgettable memories. Marissa will be so deeply missed and forever loved.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 18, at the Relevant Center in Elkhorn, with visitation one hour prior to the service. A luncheon will follow. Inurnment will take place at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Elkhorn. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family for later designation. To honor Marissa, the family kindly invites attendees to wear a

shade of blue.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Relevant Community Church
21220 Elkhorn Dr.
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Marissa Marie Carstensen*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - April 15 at 03:54 PM

GH

“ *So sorry for your loss. I cannot enter into what it must be to lose a child at that age, and I imagine this must feel like a double loss (even though Kevin's was 8 years ago). May you know the comfort and grace of God.*

My wife and our daughter passed in a car accident 3 years ago, so I pass along a verse that I found comfort in as I considered the sovereignty of God and sought to trust Him no matter the circumstances. Deuteronomy 32:39 "See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand"

A resource you might find helpful is: www.whilewerewaiting.org May God comfort and bless.

Gabriel Van Der Hart - April 15 at 01:39 AM

TR

When the loss of those we loved so dearly seems impossible to bear and the pieces of our hearts are scattered impossibly to the wind what else is there but look to Heaven and cry. So short-lived these gifts we've held, the most precious of any, flesh of our flesh, jolted from our world without good-byes. What is left? Our eyes weary from looking to Heaven, our tears empty amid merciless grief. We no longer hold the gifts. They have gone back to the giver, transcending death to a beautiful precious place no human can describe in any language. But as their absence is so painfully aware now as we grieve, the giver slowly patiently picks up the shattered pieces and gives us something else: the tender indelible memories of our loved ones, the sustaining moments of when we were together, laying and playing and living our blissful moments, glad we had each other, celebrating and rejoicing God's gifts.

Timothy Rife - April 17 at 02:54 PM

ML

I knew Marissa from Fireridge Elementary! I work in the kitchen and from the moment I met her - I absolutely adored her. She was always so friendly and always had a smile on her face. She had the most beautiful eyes, it was a window into her beautiful soul. I am beyond heartbroken to hear of her passing and cannot begin to imagine the loss of a child. I am so deeply sorry for the family. May God wrap his loving arms around you all during this difficult time. Prayers to you all and Heaven gained a beautiful little angel. I am so very sorry

Marsha Lincoln - April 22 at 08:15 PM

JU

Hi Gabe. Thank you so much for your sweet comment and recommended resources. I appreciate it so much. I am so sorry for your losses, too. This is definitely not an easy journey.

Jenna Uarich - April 29 at 11:00 AM

JU

Thank you, Marsha. She definitely was so very special and we are completely heartbroken. We appreciate your kind words so much.

Jenna Uarich - April 29 at 11:00 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marissa Marie Carstensen.



April 14 at 07:58 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marissa Marie Carstensen.

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“ The Spanglers purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marissa Marie Carstensen.



The Spanglers - April 13 at 09:24 PM



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EC

“ EAA Cheer purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Marissa Marie Carstensen.



EAA Cheer - April 13 at 03:39 PM

TE

“ The Teachers and Staff at EVV purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marissa Marie Carstensen.



The Teachers and Staff at EVV - April 10 at 12:06 PM

DV

“ I'll never forget the excitement at Bryan East the day Marissa was born right before my daughter Maddie. Jenna was rolled out of the OR as Amy was rolled in, and the excitement between all four of us parents was electric. Within minutes of each other, both of these two wonderfully compassionate Taurus babies blessed two families.

I could see so much of Jenna in her, and little bits of Kevin too, as I loosely kept track on Facebook. You could see that she loved others as deeply as she was loved.

Jenna, Leah, Dane, Pam, Brian, Carstensen family, and anyone else left to grieve this beautiful soul, my heart aches for you all. I cannot imagine the depth of your grief. May Marissa's light continue to shine on you from a different plane. But in the meantime, this loss is astonishing. Sending you so much love and praying for all of you in the days ahead.

Dave Vrbas - April 10 at 11:37 AM

LD

“ Love, Amelia Dado purchased the Angel's Embrace Bouquet for the family of Marissa Marie Carstensen.



Love, Amelia Dado - April 09 at 09:14 PM

MH

“ I didn't personally know Marissa but I know her Grandmother Pam loved her so much. May God hold her family in his loving arms.

Margine Henry - April 09 at 07:34 PM

JP

“ Fly High, Marissa! People have written letters to you and taped it on your locker!

Jayden Park - April 09 at 06:52 PM

HM

“ Love and prayers for your family. God has her in his arms. 🙏📄

Holly Maahs - April 09 at 03:04 PM

CB

“ I still can remember Marissa's beautiful eyes and sweet, gentle smile when we met her and her family on a Disney cruise in 2024. I pray that the beautiful memories and pictures bring comfort to the family at this time. We are praying for you all 💕💕

Carrie Broughton - April 09 at 12:52 PM