



Josie Griffith

February 13, 1997 - February 21, 2020

Josie Brenna Griffith, age 23 of Memphis, passed away February 21 in an early morning car accident.

Born Feb. 13, 1997, Josie was the youngest of four children of Jennifer Hale of Memphis and Nick (Michelle) Griffith of Fort Worth, TX.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by two sisters, Erin (Nick) Dianni and Haley Griffith of Memphis; a brother, Nicholas Griffith of Cleveland, MS; grandparents Peggy and Ronny Birmann of Cordova, TN, Rachel and Danny Tackett of Clarksdale, MS, Jerry and Lynda Hale of Rossville, GA, Nicky and Anita Griffith of Cleveland, MS. She was a cherished aunt of Hayden, Cy, and Xyllie Dianni, and Eliot Rasmussen; half-sister to Zach and McKai Griffith and stepsister to Gordon, David, Michael, John and Moriah Blanchard.

Josie was the requested server of many patrons at Firebirds Grill in Collierville, where she had worked the last three years – including former Grizzlies point guard Mike Conley, and at her former employer, Bonefish Grill in Cordova. Josie attended Lakeland Elementary, Bon Lin Middle and graduated from Arlington High School in 2015.

Josie's love of theatre began at the age of 5 when she played a woodland fairy in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at Germantown's Morgan Woods Theater. She was a frequent performer in local performances of the traveling Missoula (Montana) Children's Theater. As a thespian at Arlington High School, Josie and her improv partner (Abby Wilbanks) always brought home a trophy from local, district and state competitions. She was involved in every

performance of the Mark E. Collins Theater, either back stage or in the spotlight. Her soulful voice and pitch perfect harmony was appreciated by large audiences, and at intimate gatherings of family and friends.

She was treasured by family and friends for her fierce loyalty, quick wit and contagious laughter, honesty, empathy and unconditional love.

Smart Cremation has charge. A private memorial service has been held; future plans for a celebration of life can be found by visiting <https://www.smartcremationmemphis.com/>. In honor of Josie's passion for children, animals and theater, memorials can be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, a local animal shelter or high school theater program of your choice.

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Jennifer Hale - March 11, 2020 at 01:43 PM

VB

Rachel, my thoughts & prayers are with you and your family. What a vibrant & talented grand-daughter you had! Love you!

Virginia Bornman Burrell - March 12, 2020 at 09:50 AM

HG

“ *Wildflowers can't be controlled, and neither can the girl with a soul as boundless as the sky, and a spirit as free and wild as the ocean*”

I love you.



Haley Griffith - March 11, 2020 at 11:53 AM

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I love you Jojo.



Haley Griffith - March 11, 2020 at 08:30 AM

PD

“My heart is broken to learn of Josie’s passing. I have fond memories of her when she was in my 2nd grade class; such a smart, delightful student and always so helpful. I still have the scarf she gave me for Christmas. Sending deepest condolences and prayers to her family and friends. Patricia Darby

Patricia Darby - March 10, 2020 at 11:12 AM