



## Elaina Carol Campbell

June 2, 2000 - January 1, 2020

Elaina Carol Campbell, 19, of Traverse City, passed away Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers in Ann Arbor, surrounded by family and friends.

Born on Friday, June 2, 2000 in Traverse City. Elaina was the daughter of Kevin and Tracie (Kurk) Campbell. She attended Central Grade School, Cherry Knoll, East Middle School and Central High School. Since September, Elaina has been attending class at the Life Skills Center.

Elaina will be remembered for her infectious smile and her ability to make others laugh. She was always a lot of fun to be around and was a huge University of Michigan fan. Elaina also was a fan of Disney and dolphins and enjoyed yearly trips to Disney World and Sea World. She loved the water and enjoyed family and friends coming over to swim with her. Elaina will always be remembered for her love of fire trucks.

She is survived by her Mom and Dad, Tracie and Kevin; her brothers Jacob and Dustin; and her grandmothers Carolyn Kurk of Zephyrhills, FL and Elaine Campbell of Grayling. Also surviving are her aunts and uncles, Terry Kurk, O. J. Kurk and Mary Kurk, all of Zephyr Hills, FL; Debbie (Leonard) Nemeth of Grayling, Dena Portugal of Gaylord, Yvonne Pepsin (Andre Devree) of Cadillac, Tammi (Alex) Borden of Gaylord and many cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, John Kurk and Donald Campbell and uncles, Jerry Kurk and Jeremy Maczorowski.

Visitation will begin for Elaina on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 2 p.m., at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, followed by a celebration of her life at 3 p.m., also at the funeral home. Pastor Sean Barton will officiate.

The family has asked that Elaina be remembered through memorial contributions to the Blair Township Fire and Emergency Services, 2121 County Road 633, Grawn, MI 49637.

# Events

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**JAN**   **Visitation**   02:00PM - 03:00PM

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305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

**JAN**   **Celebration of Life**   03:00PM

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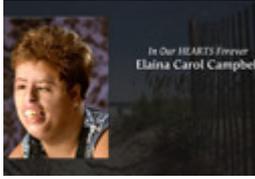
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# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - January 06 at 09:41 AM

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“ "Little Miss Sassy Britches" will always have a special place in my heart! Such a strong spirit and joyful soul. You will be missed.

**Jen McDowell** - January 06 at 09:55 AM

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“ Cindy lit a candle in memory of Elaina Carol Campbell



**cindy** - January 06 at 08:22 AM

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“ Elaina touched so many lives at Traverse Bay Area ISD with her engaging laugh and her spunk! She will be greatly missed by all. My heart goes out to her family during this difficult time.

**Marty Guiney** - January 06 at 06:40 AM

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“ Elaina was one of the students in my early elementary classroom at Cherry Knoll Annex. We had such a wonderful time with Elaina. I believe it was Jane Janik who gave her the nickname Pinky because she had so much spunk and attitude she reminded us of Pinky Tuscadero, Fonzie's girlfriend. She was so determined to do as much as she could independently including rolling over our toes in her wheelchair! She spread joy and laughter to so many.



“ Elaina had a very good year at the Central/Civic Center pool. We decided to see if she could be water safe without her life vest, and like the gentleman before said "damn" she was. Not only could she roll over on her back if she fell in, but she could swim the length of the pool on her back and front.....laughing all the way. You could tell how much she loved the freedom of swimming unrestricted.

It was a privilege to share a swim lane with you Elaina. I will forever hear your laughter when I swim.



Cheryl Bebee - January 04 at 12:29 PM

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“ Elaina was amazing and one of a kind. She had a great sense of humor and could be quite mischievous. Her laugh would light up the room! Elaina was always willing to attempt new challenges and let you know what she thought about them. I always knew where I stood with Elaina. In no uncertain terms she would let me know if I was in her good graces. She had spirit and spunk: I loved that about her! Peter Bruning

Pete Bruning - January 04 at 11:30 AM

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“ We are so sorry to lose a lovely woman like Elaina.  
~From the aquatics staff at Civic Center/YMCA

Whitney Miller - January 03 at 10:17 PM



“ I am so sorry for the families loss. I worked along side Whitney and it was a joy to watch Elaina swim at the YMCA; she loved it so much.

natalia chela - January 04 at 10:16 AM

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“ My son Luke was in her class at Central and LSC. He would mention her name when he talked about his classmates. I enjoyed watching her during the special O swimming. I couldn't believe how well she could swim! She was a inspiration! I am so glad my son was able to share in her life. May God bring you peace during this time of sadness knowing she is with Him and in the arms of His son Jesus. She is well and happy. And you will see her again. God bless. The Rosiek family

Tracy Rosiek - January 03 at 09:20 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Elaina in the peer to peer program. She was full of joy and energy. My prayers go out to the family.



Mariah Russell - January 03 at 08:47 AM

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“ Yvonne is following this tribute.

Yvonne - January 03 at 06:43 AM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear about Elaina passing away.

I was honored to have Elaina on my bus the last three years, and will never forget seeing her roll down the driveway wearing her firefighter helmet and boots with that big guitar or one of her many light up toys. I loved the mornings we would get to Central High early and we'd do "donuts" on the sidewalk until staff showed up. I would end up getting dizzy and she'd laugh and wave me on for more. I can't go over a speed bump without thinking I need to accelerate to make the back bump for her, she'd laugh and light up everytime we did it.

I'm sure that Elaina is in a better place free from the ties that held her back here. I picture her running, jumping, and swimming and it brings a smile to my face.

Elaina you will be missed, greatly.

Joseff Cee - January 03 at 02:45 AM



“ I’ve known Elaina for many years through the TBA school system. I remember the first day I met her, she was on a mission to get on the mat in the gym. But the mat was bigger/taller than she was! I just stood back and watched. And DAMN she got on that mat and rolled over a few times and laughed! Oh, that laugh! I remember thinking, I REALLY LIKE THIS KID, she’s got spunk.

She is very special and always will be in my heart.  
And I know she is very special to everyone that knew her!  
TA TBAISD. Penney Gavigan

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penney gavigan - January 03 at 12:57 AM

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“ Holly Davis lit a candle in memory of Elaina Carol Campbell



Holly Davis - January 02 at 10:47 PM

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“ My son Ray went to school with Elaina and I have had the pleasure of knowing her as well. She had the sweetest smile and made this world a better place to live in. I agree with Dana I believe she is running, jumping and dancing in her new life. You are loved. Love, Holly Davis

Holly Davis - January 02 at 10:42 PM

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“ Elaina had an infectious laugh. If you were not having such a great day, Elaina would surely make you smile. She was truly a blessing to us all. She amazed me everyday. If we were not fast enough to get her something, she would make it happen. L.o.l. I don't think there was any thing she couldn't do, or at least try. She was amazing. She still is amazing as she enters her new life. I will miss you Elaina. I truly believe your running, jumping, dancing, and doing a lot of laps right now. Youwhat are loved and will be greatly missed. Love you. Dana C.

**Dana cort** - January 02 at 05:47 PM



“ Elaina was a pleasure to have in my classroom. Her smile and laughter as well her willingness to try new things and engage her classmates and members of her community were just a few of her strengths. For a little lady she had a big impact on all those around her. She will be missed, but always remembered.

**Michael Libby** - January 03 at 10:18 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss! I work at LSC, and remembered Elaina's sweet smile from when I saw her in the hallways. I will pray for your family during this difficult time.

**steve** - January 02 at 03:51 PM



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**Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - January 02 at 03:17 PM