



Sarah Elizabeth Biskupski

October 28, 1987 - June 6, 2019

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TRAVERSE CITY – Sarah Elizabeth (Rockafellow) Biskupski, age 31, of Traverse City, passed away on June 6, 2019 at her home surrounded by her loving family and their dog Mylie, after a 6-year battle with ovarian cancer. She remained a brave woman extending grace, love and peace even throughout her final months.

She was born on October 28, 1987 in Traverse City to Chuck and Brenda (Olmstead) Rockafellow. Sarah grew up in the Traverse City area where she graduated from Traverse City Central High School in 2005. Following her graduation, Sarah enrolled at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI, where she achieved her Master of Architecture degree as well as a Minor in Business. It was while Sarah was at college that she met her future husband, Pete. They were married September 4, 2011 in Traverse City. After college, Sarah remained dedicated to her work at C.C. Power as an accountant.

Sarah was once described as “pure joy with red hair”. Sarah and Pete were inseparable and remained very devoted to one another. They enjoyed many travels and riding their bikes to the farmers market on Saturdays during their marriage. It has been said about Sarah that she was a bright light, she had beautiful determination, she was a glowing inspiration, she had a contagious smile, and that she loved Jesus and relied on His strength throughout her life.

Sarah is survived by her husband and best friend, Pete, parents; Chuck (Brenda) Rockafellow and In-laws; Mark (Karen) Biskupski, siblings; Ryan (Stephanie) Rockafellow, Lauren (Andrew) Magirl, niece and nephew; Evelyn and Carson Rockafellow, nephew; Owen Magirl, grandparents; Reuel (Lillian) Rockafellow, and Carl (Sharon) Olmstead. Sarah was preceded in death by her grandmother, Eva Rockafellow.

Visitation for family and friends will take place from 6:00 – 9:00 pm on Friday, June 14th, 2019 at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. A celebration of Sarah’s life will take place at

12:00 pm on Saturday, June 15th, 2019 at New Hope Community Church with a visitation beginning at 11:00 am. A luncheon will be held immediately following the service at New Hope Community Church.

Memorial Contributions in Sarah's honor may be directed to any of the following: because Sarah loved helping those in need, Benevolence Fund at Church of the Living God, 1514 Birmley Road, Traverse City, MI 49696; The Journey Program, 526 W. 14th Street Suite 151, Traverse City, MI 49684; or to adopt a tree and a memorial bench at The Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park, 1490 Red Drive, Traverse City, MI 49685.

Events

JUN **Visitation** 06:00PM - 09:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

JUN **Visitation** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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New Hope Community Church
5169 Bethesda Court, Williamsburg, MI, US, 49696

JUN **Celebration of Life** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sarah Elizabeth Biskupski.



June 15 at 06:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sarah Elizabeth Biskupski.



June 14 at 12:49 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Sarah Elizabeth Biskupski.



June 14 at 12:47 PM



“ in the two years, I was lucky enough to know Sarah, she left an amazing impression that I will forever cherish. Her strength, grace, and faith. were always a beautiful representation of a true believer. Her smile always lit up the room and her laughter was contagious. it was impossible to be sad in her presence. She had a way of making the most difficult situations seem simple and manageable. She was courageous and fearless. She always reminded me that nothing is impossible with God, that everything would be as it was meant to be. She never complained and always prayed for everyone else. Sarah was a soldier of life and she earned every honor possible. Sarah taught me to live courageously, love unconditionally, and laugh at the difficulties. My love, prayers, and condolences go out to her family, husband, and friends. She will be deeply missed and forever cherished.



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sarah Elizabeth Biskupski.



June 14 at 11:10 AM



“ My heart goes out to your family and I wish nothing but comfort and strength at this time and in the days to come. I feel fortunate to have been a part of Sarah's life.
Love and prayers,
Gail Mars

Gail Mars - June 12 at 09:43 AM



“ Mary Magirl lit a candle in memory of Sarah Elizabeth Biskupski



Mary Magirl - June 11 at 11:33 PM



“ Barb Millis lit a candle in memory of Sarah Elizabeth Biskupski



Barb Millis - June 11 at 06:07 PM



“ Sarah was on summer and school softball teams with our daughters. She was always such a fun and positive person. Our hearts are breaking for all those who loved and cared for her. May the love and support of family and friends surround and support you at this sad time.

God's peace to you,
Pam and Dale Davis

Pam Davis - June 11 at 04:19 PM



“ John Biskupski sent a virtual gift in memory of Sarah Elizabeth Biskupski



John Biskupski - June 11 at 11:40 AM



“ The AQD Permit Section purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sarah Elizabeth Biskupski.



The AQD Permit Section - June 11 at 10:51 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sarah Elizabeth Biskupski.



June 11 at 10:39 AM



“ Eric and I have been best of friends with Sarah’s parents for about 34 years and we greeted Sarah at the hospital when she was born. We spent many camping trips and FL vacations together, many, many days at the beach and boating and fishing together. Sarah spent many overnights at our house with our daughter Michelle. We went to church together for lots of years. Sarah was like another daughter to us and her smile and happy spirit is what we remember the most. Sarah married the most dedicated, loving husband and they were inseparable. This world has lost a Godly Christian who loved Jesus, showed her commitment and unwavering faith in Christ, but heaven gained a child of God.



Eric and Judy Benson - June 11 at 07:58 AM



“ Sending my deepest condolences to Sarah family & Love Ones. Our family first met Sarah at Andrew University, where Sarah & my Daughter Kaci were roommates. What a wonderful person, Sarah smile would Light up the room, As well Sarah Love for other. Praise God for the Years we shared with Sarah, she touch many Heart. As hard as this is, Our Love for Sarah will Always be Remember.

Darrell Kasner - June 11 at 05:01 AM



“ Sending my deepest condolences to Sarah’s family and friends. I am sad to hear the news of her passing. I was blessed to have known Sarah during our high school years through music. I will always remember her kind heart and beautiful smile.



Sarah Coleman - June 10 at 09:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sarah Elizabeth Biskupski.



June 10 at 09:45 PM



“ Tim L'akin lit a candle in memory of Sarah Elizabeth Biskupski



Tim L'akin - June 10 at 09:08 PM



“ The first time we met Sarah was four years ago, she and Pete were greeters at church. Her warm smile drew us in...her strong faith in a loving Father was evident and she let that love flow through her to all of us. As we read her updates about her journey we were encouraged in our faith to trust Him. I believe that is what Sarah would still say today. Pete, you showed us what it is to be a supportive, loving husband. You are not alone, your friends and family will be here for you. Rest in peace, sweet Sarah....Ken and Kathy Schutter

Kathy A. Schutter - June 10 at 08:14 PM



“ Chuck and Brenda and family,

We will always remember that gorgeous little red head with her award winning smile. Please know our hearts are broken for you today and the days that follow. Knowing she is with God will bring those that knew her comfort. Our prayers are with you all. The Brennans, John, Kim, JT and Katey

Kim Woods Brennan - June 10 at 07:45 PM



“ Chuck and Brenda:

No parent should ever have to bury a child. My heart and prayers go out to you. If we were not so far away, we would be there. Please know God is there for you.

Kerry Taylor - June 10 at 07:30 PM



“ Jennifer Banwell lit a candle in memory of Sarah Elizabeth Biskupski



Jennifer Banwell - June 10 at 07:05 PM



“ God bless you all, I'm so sorry to hear about Sarah's passing. Thank you for sharing her with me her kindergarten year, she was an absolute pleasure. My thoughts and prayers are with you,
Mrs. Sharon Dakoske

Sharon Dakoske - June 10 at 06:03 PM



“ Our deepest condolences go out to Sarah's family and loved ones. We were truly blessed to have known Sarah, and to say that she was one of a kind would be an understatement. With her bright red hair and beaming smile you would always feel welcome whenever you were in her presence. Sarah's personality and work ethic were both compassionate and professional. Sarah refused to let her illness get her down and even in the toughest times she wore a smile and did the work of an army. On more than one occasion Sarah talked to me about how profoundly important her faith was and it was that same faith that kept her smiling day after day. Sarah was an inspiration to all of us and while we may never understand god's plan, her passing leaves a void never to be filled. Rest in peace Sarah, you will forever be in our hearts. Sincerely,
Josh & Tiffany Godden



Josh Godden - June 10 at 05:58 PM



“ Mark Biskupski lit a candle in memory of Sarah Elizabeth Biskupski



Mark Biskupski - June 10 at 10:17 AM



“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Sarah! I am so glad to have met/known her and grow up with her at East Bay Calvary. My heart and prayers are with you all at this time of sorrow



Melissa Jonio - June 09 at 09:20 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sarah Elizabeth Biskupski.



June 09 at 04:02 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Sarah was always such a sweet and nice girl. It was a pleasure to know her. I am praying for you, all.

Steve and Nonie Morgan

NONIE T. MORGAN - June 09 at 11:34 AM