



Jennifer Denice Burgess

September 12, 1978 - April 23, 2014

Jennifer Denice Burgess, 35, of Overland Park, Kansas, lost her year-long battle with Cancer on April 23, 2014. Jennifer was born to Dennis and Judy Burgess on September 12, 1978 and quickly was running the show. She grew up leading the 71st gang consisting of herself, Brian and Robby. While the boys sometimes thought they were running the show, that was just Jennifer's way of making them happy. She attended St. Ann school and later graduated from Shawnee Mission East. She attended Johnson County Community College and obtained her AA there before going to KU, where she studied Communications. While she attended school, Jennifer was employed by the Bristol Bar and Grill in Leawood, where she was the front of the house coordinator. She made many friends both co-workers and customers. She was then employed by Clairidge Court, first as the bartender and then as the Valet/Concierge. Her customer skills and her sharp wit, endeared her to her bar customers and later all of the residents and employees she worked with. She loved her job working with the retired residents of Clairidge Court. While at the Bristol, Jennifer met the love of her life, Dave Gandy. They enjoyed many of the same things, KU Basketball, Pittsburgh Penguins Hockey, and NASCAR racing. They also enjoyed things like Theater in the Park, and just picnics in the park on a nice day. Along with her other survivors, she leaves her beloved cat Polly, otherwise known to them as Miss Chevious. Jennifer loved all animals, with Irish Setters and Polar Bears leading the list. Both her cat and our dog Boo are saddened by her loss, and will miss her dearly.

During her illness, we met many very kind persons who did their best to help with Jennifer's battle with cancer. Most were touched by Jennifer's concern for others and never complaining or worrying about herself. This continued to the very end, to the dismay of those closest to her. This was her way about life, it was always about someone else and what she could do for them. The family would like to thank all of the caregivers along the way, especially those associated with the KU Medical Center. The care that she received at KU was world class, with some of the kindest and most dedicated persons who provided for her care. Thank to Dr. Howard Rosenthal and his staff, Dr. Mark Myron and the entire staff at the Cancer Infusion Center in Overland Park, the staff at the Indian Creek Hospital, and finally the great staff at the main KU Campus. Everyone we met from Doctors to parking lot attendants were always so dedicated to doing whatever they could for you, that it was almost overwhelming. We will be forever indebted to entire Staff at KU, but especially Dr. Heather Male, and the incredible nursing staff. Like the sign on the old M.A.S.H. show said, "Best Care Anywhere." Also, we greatly appreciate the assistance and care provided by Kansas City Hospice Palliative Home Care. All of the caregivers were great, but we would like to especially thank her Home Care nurse Cheryl for all of the great support, guidance and help that she provided during Jennifer's last days at home. Jennifer will be sorely missed by all who knew her, and the world was a better place during the time we had her. A visitation for Jennifer will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 from 6-8:00 PM followed by a Funeral Mass on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 10:00 AM both being held at the St. Ann Catholic Church, 7231 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Burial will follow at the Maple Hill Cemetery, Kansas City, KS. Memorial contributions can be made in Jennifer's loving memory to the KU Endowment Fund Support of the Community Cancer Program Support Fund, 2330 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Ste: 302; Westwood, KS 66205 and/or St. Ann Catholic Church and/or Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care, 1500 Meadow Parkway, Ste: 200, Kansas City, MO 64114. To share a memory or to leave condolences, please visit www.maplehillfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann Catholic Church
7231 Mission Road
Prairie Village, KS 66208

Catholic Mass

APR **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Prairie Village, KS 66208

Tribute Wall



“ *Jennifer Denice Burgess*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Jennifer Denice Burgess*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *David,*
We were so glad we saw you the other night. I know this time is so incredibly difficult!! Your Jennifer must have been such a beautiful woman whose spirit lives in you!!! I wish we knew her, but we know she must have been so special. And from what you shared with us, one with a fantastic sense of humor!! We think of you so often. Blessings to you and Jennifer's family.
Love,
Ann & Mark Killen

Ann Killen - June 12, 2014 at 09:35 PM

KH

“ My husband and I knew Jen through Dave at the Bristol. Every time she came in to see him I looked forward to talking to her. She was so kind, so sincere, and so witty. It is rare to come across such a genuine person, and I have no doubt she will leave a positive impact that will last forever to all who knew her. I am so sorry for this untimely loss of such a beautiful person. Wishing you strength, love, and faith, and memories of Jen making the world a better place.

Sincerely,
Kendra and Corey Shove

kendra harris - April 30, 2014 at 12:35 AM

JS

“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Burgess,

I am a certified nursing assistant/home health aide with Health at Home at Claridge Court. I did not know Jennifer well, but I was still sad to hear about her passing. Whenever I would see her in the hall or outside, she was always very friendly and had a smile on her face. May God be with you and your family in the days, weeks, and months to come.

Sincerely,

Judy Southard

Judy Southard - April 29, 2014 at 10:20 PM

KR

“ *Dennis & Judy, we were very saddened to hear from Jason about the loss of your beautiful daughter, Jennifer. We know from experience that there is nothing in the world that can prepare you for the too-soon loss of a loved one. They say the loss of a child is the worst loss a person can endure, and I pray that you and your family will find strength and comfort in knowing that her suffering has ended. In reading the obituary, I know everyone was blessed to have had such a kind and loving person in their lives.*

Please know that Jason, my Dad & Marie, and we are thinking of you and praying for you.

Kevin & Cheri Ricky

Kevin & Cheri Ricky - April 29, 2014 at 10:23 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Jennifer Denice Burgess.*



April 29, 2014 at 12:46 AM

EA

“ Dearest Friends,

It is hard for me to convey, in words, how said it is to learn of Jennifer's passing. I have thought about her often and how she was such a beautiful combination of the both of you. I know you will find comfort in the wonderful memories you have of her and that these are what will help you to get through this extremely difficult time.

Love to you both.

Liz Resman

EAResman - April 27, 2014 at 02:16 PM

JR

“ John & Liz Resman purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Jennifer Denice Burgess.



John & Liz Resman - April 27, 2014 at 02:09 PM

AL

“ We have such fond memories of Jennifer, especially during her time at the Bristol. She was the perfect "people person," who was always filled with a genuine exuberance for life. Her warmth and good humor affected everyone around her, including us. We were fortunate to know her much better as she and Dave discovered one another. After she left the Bristol we were able to keep in touch--sometimes through an occasional meeting at the restaurant--or through Dave. His narratives kept us up on their NASCAR, concerts (especially Jimmy Buffett) and their other fun-loving adventures. They packed a lot of living and love in the time they had. We will be forever grateful for having had a part of her in our lives.

*With affection and deepest sympathies,
Burton Dunbar and Anna Marie Larkin*

Anna Marie Larkin - April 27, 2014 at 12:49 PM

PS

“ Dave,
I know your heart is breaking and feeling heavy from losing your Jen, I am so sorry and praying for you my Bristol Brother!!
Jen was such a beautiful person and you two have a great love story. Jen will always be your guardian angel Davey.
Your Bristol family (me and Lisa included) are praying for you and always there for you
if you need anything.. We love you and Jen!

Patty Stoetzer

Patty Stoetzer - April 27, 2014 at 09:35 AM