



Richelle Diana Riahi

July 1, 1979 - May 28, 2022

Richelle Diana Riahi, 42, of Lenexa, Kansas passed away at The University of Kansas Hospital on May 28th, 2022, after battling a rare and severe medical condition. Visitation will be Monday, June 6th from 5-7pm. Funeral services will be held at 11am on Tuesday, June 7th, at Maple Hill Funeral Home. Burial will be in Maple Hill Cemetery.

Richelle was born in Kansas City, Missouri at Research Medical Center. Her parents are Iraj Riahi and Diana Cunningham Riahi. Richelle graduated from Shawnee Mission West High School in 1997. She attended Johnson County Community College while she worked for Disney as a customer service representative. This was where her lifelong love of Disney began. She then went on to become co-owner of Angels In Training Daycare with her mom, which they operated together for 18 years. Richelle was a sales representative for Scentsy and enjoyed collecting warmers and attending conventions.

She lived most of her life in Lenexa, KS. She was a Girl Scout leader for both her younger sister Farah, and her daughter Hope. Leading her daughter's Girl Scout troop was a favorite and big part of Richelle's life, which she enjoyed very much. She also loved vacationing in Florida at Walt Disney World. Her most recent trip was to Universal Studios with her mother and daughter. She loved Harry Potter, Disney Villains and Marvel Movies.

Richelle had a sweet and kind heart. She put her whole self into the things she loved to do. She loved planning kids parties for her daughter and Girl Scout troop. She also loved planning vacations, holiday activities, and summer trips with the kids. Richelle was exceptionally brave and strong. Her strength inspired all who knew her. She was a single mother to Hope, who was her whole world. She fought through many medical conditions and never gave up her fight. Even through her own struggles, Richelle would go out of her way to help others. She was an outgoing person and could be a friend to anyone. Richelle was her mom's best friend. She was the best sister and a loving aunt to her nieces and nephews.

Richelle had a strong faith in God and had accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at a young age. She leaves to mourn a mother and father, Diana and Iraj Riahi, her daughter Hope Dieffenbach, a sister and brother-in-law, Farah and Tim Gabriel, a brother and sister-in-law, Cyrus Riahi and Dee Vongsaphay, her aunt and uncle Tammy and Kevin Wilson, uncle Mike and five nieces and nephews, Violet, Cairo, Scarlet, Carma and Hunter, to which she was a wonderful "Aunt Chelle". Her other family members left to mourn are the TajmirRiahi's, Mozoun's, Ezadi's, Keshmiri's and Iranpour's. She is preceded in death by her grandparents Vedah and Marvin "Jack" Cunningham (Maternal), and Hamdam and Hosein Riahi (Paternal).

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
3300 Shawnee Dr
Kansas City, KS 66106
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info@maplehillfuneralhome.com
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

JUN 7 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richelle Diana Riahi*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Richelle Diana Riahi*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *I knew Richelle back when we worked at oak park mall. She worked at orange Julius and I worked across the hall at fun factory. She would always be there for me. I ran away once when we was a lot younger. Richelle was the first one to find me and to get me to come home. Then sometime later her mom, daughter and her used to come in fazilos when I was managing. It was so good to see her smiling*

Jennifer Scott - June 07, 2022 at 03:32 AM



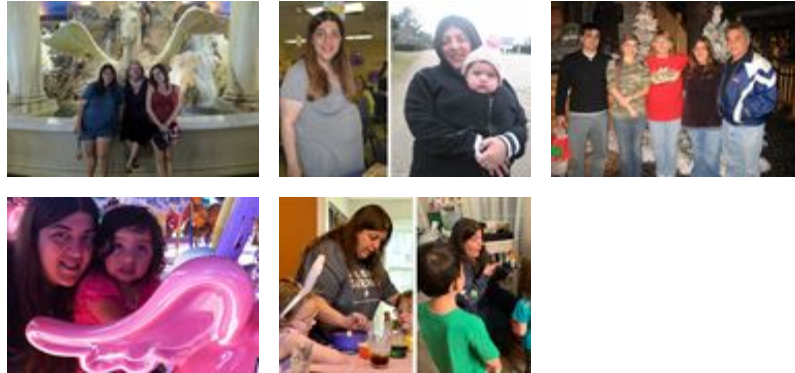
“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Richelle Diana Riahi.*



June 06, 2022 at 11:26 AM



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Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - June 06, 2022 at 10:04 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Richelle Diana Riahi*.



June 06, 2022 at 09:20 AM

JM

“5th grade. A time when everyone is trying to fit in and be a part of the "popular group". I was teased non-stop and didn't have any friends until I met Richelle Riahi . She took one look at me and said "Wanna be friends?" She then shared her stickers that smelled when you scratched them, pencils that you took one out and pushed through the top without sharpening that also had a scent Lisa Frank folders and lets not forget charm necklaces. Oh how she loved those things! The moment we met we were instantly best friends and the rest of the kids didn't matter. We had countless sleepovers with partyline calls, truth or dare and MASH... Wildwood adventures, Chinese food, trips to Oak Park Mall and an absolute love of Beverly Hills 90210 & NKOTB. Disney? We watched Hocus Pocus in the theater together and it was the best movie of all time! Lol those were such good years. Richelle stuck by my side through so much. The entire grade made fun of the boy I was head over heels for, Steven Haynes simply because of his last name. Not Richelle. She laughed and said "Jenny, who cares what they think? You like him, that's all that matters" She made me a stronger person because of that and retained friendship with him updating me about a month ago even that he checked on her while in the hospital. Her sister Farah went to the daycare my own sister Jessica did, little did I know her mom Diana and her would eventually own and operate for I think 18 years... Time passed and like most, we grew into our own lives. We reconnected in our twenties after I had two sons and she had her daughter Hope, whom she had despite medical warning as she had Lupus. We met up and had Chinese buffet reminiscing and catching up. We laughed so hard at the past memories we'd shared and how insignificant it all was now that we were grown with our own kids. We made a promise we'd meet up again and reconnect no matter what... Sadly, we never got that chance. Richelle's cousin messaged me today that she has passed. 42 years old(July 1st is her birthday) with a 13yr old daughter. My heart breaks for her family. She was truly a kind, beautiful soul that never really knew an enemy. I wish she had not had to suffer with her illness the way she did with countless hospital admissions, surgeries and treatments including dialysis- but she did so with

endless courage, bravery and stubbornness those who knew her can attest to. God bless you Richelle. I wish I could have met up with you one last time, but I'm grateful you no longer suffer. All my love, Always.
Jenny.

Jennifer Martin - June 05, 2022 at 03:53 PM



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June 05, 2022 at 10:33 AM

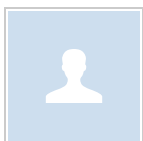


“ *Richelle,*

Your life touched so many lives, I will never be able to express how you touched mine. Your smile was infectious. I'm not sure I can do another Waffle House run in the middle of the night without thinking of you. 💜💜💜🦄



Anne Quade - June 04, 2022 at 01:34 PM



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June 04, 2022 at 11:12 AM

DG

“ I have known Richelle since the day she was born. She was born with those big brown eyes, and I thought that is the most beautiful baby I have ever seen. All through her life she continued to be a kind soul, always helping her mom Diana however she could, never complaining. She became wise before her time while dealing with a disease that eventually overtook her body. She never felt sorry for herself, she was a giver, always there for family and especially for Hope, her pride and joy. This world won't be the same without Richelle, but I rest easier knowing she is with God and pain free. I know that beautiful girl with those big brown eyes is now a guardian angel looking over her family that she loved so much. She will be missed by everyone that knew her. Debbie Gaignat

Debbie Gaignat - June 01, 2022 at 12:01 AM

DR

Debbie, these are such very special words and memories you have written to share with us. I enjoyed reading your post very much. Thank you for sharing.

Diana Riahi - June 02, 2022 at 01:49 AM

CH

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss Richelle will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.



Cheryl - May 31, 2022 at 11:02 PM

LH

I've known Diana since elementary school. I've known Richelle since birth. I've always known Richelle was special. Just like her mom. The nicest, sweetest persons on the planet. She lived life her way, bravely and didn't allow the horrible disease to dictate her life. She will be greatly missed. All of our deepest condolences to all of you, from Haddadi, Magee, Shepp, Pembleton 🙏🙏🙏❤️

Lisa Haddadi - June 05, 2022 at 10:18 AM



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May 31, 2022 at 02:34 PM