



Rachel Dawn Gabani

October 8, 1975 - December 30, 2019

Rachel Dawn Gabani (Bliss) age 44, of Bolivar, Missouri, passed away December, 2019 in her home surrounded by family. Born October 8, 1975 in Springfield, Mo. she is the daughter of the late Leonard Bliss and Donna Bliss of Long Lane, Mo.

Rachel is survived by her husband Michal, daughter Michelle, and son Lukas, along with her mother Donna Bliss, brother Steven Bliss and wife Kari, nephews Brady, Paul Wyatt and Eli Bliss of Long Lane, Mo.; sister in law Katarina Gabaniova of Vienna, Virginia; sister in law Zuzana Balintova and brother in law Peter Balint, and nephews Richard and Michal Balint of Prostejov, Czech Republic; father in law Rastislav Gabani and mother in law Alžbeta Gabaniova of Bratislava, Slovakia.

She is preceded in death by her father Leonard Bliss, grandparents Paul and Helen Bliss, and cousin Rodney Miller.

Rachel grew up in Long Lane, Missouri and was a 1994 graduate of Buffalo High School. She loved the game of basketball and continued playing in college while pursuing her degree in education. In 1998 she graduated from Missouri Baptist with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. Then in 2013 she earned her Master of Arts degree in Special Education (SPEDS) from Missouri Sate University. While attending Missouri Baptist she met fellow

basketball player Michal Gabani whom she would wed and be blessed with two wonderful children Michelle and Lukas. She was a doting mother and enjoyed watching countless ballgames across the countryside.

Rachel was a beloved educator and devoted many years as a teacher for the Bolivar School District where she formed many bonds and friendships. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church where she found peace and a deep connection with her faith. Rachel was a valued, trusted, and dear friend to many. She has received an out-pouring of support from the community of Bolivar and for that her family is eternally grateful.

To give back to the community that has given so much, in lieu of flowers Rachel has requested donations be made to the Keeling Foundation Check can be made payable to the Keeling Foundation for Kids and can be sent to, PO Box 48 Bolivar, MO (Or dropped at their office at 180 Davis Drive, Bolivar, MO 65613, or to the Care to Learn Foundation within the Bolivar School District. <https://caretolearn.orgsouthwestregion/bolivar/.com> Checks may be made payable to Bolivar Care to Learn and can be sent with Rachel's name in the Memo line: and sent to Bolivar Care to Learn Attn: Amber Davenport, 524 W. Madison St. Bolivar, MO 65613.

A Funeral Mass will be held for Rachel at 10:30 AM on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at Bolivar High School Auditorium in Bolivar, MO.

Previous Events

Requiem Mass

JAN 2. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Bolivar High School
1401 N. Hwy D
Bolivar, MO 65613

Tribute Wall



“ *Rachel Dawn Gabani*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Rachel Dawn Gabani*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Rachel's smile was always so contagious! She cared for others with unreserved passion and genuineness. I will miss her! Please know that her kindness and love will live on in the lives of others for many generations! My prayers are with you!*

Emily Schaefer - January 02, 2020 at 09:22 AM



“ *Karen & Elvin Foster lit a candle in memory of Rachel Dawn Gabani*



Karen & Elvin Foster - January 01, 2020 at 07:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rachel Dawn Gabani.*



January 01, 2020 at 12:09 AM

CB

“ Gabani Family,
You all are in our thoughts and prayers. We loved the times we traveled together for basketball and all of the laughs we shared. Rachel will be deeply missed by many~
The Barrett Family~

Cathy Barrett - December 31, 2019 at 04:28 PM

LF

“ Love, your Geico Billionaire friends purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rachel Dawn Gabani.



Love, your Geico Billionaire friends - December 31, 2019 at 11:35 AM

YF

“ Your Duck Creek co-workers and friends purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rachel Dawn Gabani.



Your Duck Creek co-workers and friends - December 31, 2019 at 10:07 AM

JC

“ Michal and family, I was so sorry to here of Rachel's passing. My heart felt condolences to you.

Joe Colucci - December 31, 2019 at 09:55 AM

KC

I am so sorry for your loss, Rachel was such a nice person I am glad that I met her. You will be missed! RIP neighbor.

kathy Cox - December 31, 2019 at 06:37 PM

KH

We are truly sorry for your family's loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

Keith and Patti Halverson

Keith and Patti Halverson - January 01, 2020 at 06:30 PM