



Kerri Renee Laman

March 21, 2018

Update: Service details below.

Kerri R Laman age 40, died on March 21, 2018, at Poudre Valley Hospital surrounded by family. She fought a long battle with multiple autoimmune diseases. Kerri was misdiagnosed until last year and she wants to see education and research in autoimmune disease help lead to faster diagnosis and better options for treatment.

Kerri grew up in Fort Collins, attending school here until transferring to the School for the Deaf and Blind in Colorado Springs. She graduated from high school as Salutatorian of her class. She was the first student to use a guide dog while still attending the school. She attended Front Range Community College where she studied Early Childhood Education. She then attended CSU graduating with a major in Human Development and Family Studies with a focus on Early Childhood Education. During college she worked at Edora Pool and Ice Center (EPIC) teaching in the Skate and Create program.

After college, she moved to Columbus, Ohio, where she worked for an employment agency and developed a program for teaching disabled clients skills for finding employment.

She also lived in Kitchener, Ontario and Lindsay, Ontario where she really enjoyed the friendly people of Canada.

When she was in 4th grade she was able to skate with Peter Caruthers before an Ice Capades performance. After that she decided that she should take lessons. She also participated in skating competitions. She loved ice skating and felt like she was flying when she skated. It was a feeling of freedom that she did not experience in other life experiences.

Kerri was born 3 ½ months prematurely along with her twin brother, Kristopher, who died 8 hours after birth. She had vision loss from birth but didn't let that stop her from just about

anything. She got her first guide dog, Gina, while in high school and had several dogs, the last one being from the Humane Society. Kerri taught her to guide, pick up items, open doors and turn on lights. She helped others with advice about service dogs. She connected with many people in groups where she shared her experiences in health problems and getting diagnosed and treated as well as tube feedings and other medical care. Many nurses over the years have said that Kerri has taught them something. Kerri called herself a Professional Patient. She never gave up hope and fought for her independence and quality of life.

Kerri loved to read, loved anime and especially a Japanese pop group called Momoclo and listened to many types of music. She loved her dogs Sophie and Mandy. She enjoyed communication with others both texting and online. She played Goalball at the School for the Deaf and Blind and she played Beep Baseball on a team in Loveland.

Kerri was a Christian and enjoyed sharing opinions and reading scripture with others.

She is survived by her father Kevin Laman (Betty), her mother Lynn Murphy, Grandmother Marilyn Laman, sisters Kimberly Chevalier (Richard), and Mandy Laman, and brother Michael Pisarcik (Pui), and two very cute nephews, Aiden and Bodhi. She is also survived by uncles Rick (Marjane), Joel (Sue), Ken (Becky), Karl (Karen) and Paul (Leann) and her Aunt Paula (Tim) as well as many cousins. She was preceded in death by her twin brother Kristopher, her uncle Marc, her grandfathers Roy and Charles and grandmother Lorraine.

Kerri had many friends and touched many lives in her years. We want to thank everyone who prayed for her at birth and who prayed for her during the time of her illness and her death.

She was very enjoyable, intelligent, funny, loving and caring towards others. She was an educator of many things to many people, more than she realized.

An open house will be held from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, Saturday, April 7 at Club Tico at City Park, 1599 City Park Dr., Fort Collins, CO. Lunch will be provided.

Kerri will be laid to rest in Resthaven Memorial Gardens near her brother Kristopher.

Kerri asks that in lieu of flowers people donate to The Center for Multisystem Disease Foundation at IMMUNOe, 6801 South Yosemite Street, Centennial, CO 80112.

Events

APR **Open House** 11:00AM - 02:00PM

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Club Tico at City Park

1599 City Park Dr., Fort Collins, CO, US, 80521

Comments



“ Annemarie Stevens lit a candle in memory of Kerri Renee Laman



Annemarie Stevens - April 07, 2018 at 06:05 AM



“ Kevin, Betty, Lynn, Kimmi, Michael, Mandy - Kerri's life was one of incredible purpose and sweet tender giggles (I can hear her laugh now). What a wonderful, sweet, kind, gentle, caring person. Kerri was a special person, always with a smile on her face despite what she was going through. Her strength came from someone other than herself, I would think her source, Jesus. She pressed on to help others and was always looked to others interests of her own. We all need a little more Kerri in us. Love you all and praying that Jesus is there to comfort you in the difficult days. All my love and wish I could give you all a big hug.

Brianne Maxwell - April 06, 2018 at 09:29 PM



“ TO KEVIN LYNN AND FAMILIES

Becky Seth and I would like to extend our sincere thoughts and prayers for the loss of Kerri. I do know she called it a graduation to the next place she wanted to go. What a proud and strong girl to make the choices in life that she did. I hope I can be 1/2 as strong when my day comes to graduate. We shall enjoy her smile, and laughter with her raspy little voice. She had the best sense of humor and we are all truly blessed to have had Kerri as part of our lives. God speed Kerri and tell all those who are with you we said Hi. Love you always Uncle Ken

KEN LAMAN - April 05, 2018 at 10:29 AM



“ Aunt Lynn and Kimmi,

Firstly I am very sorry for your loss. I have very fond memories of Cousin Kerri. I remember the times we visited in when we were kids. I will always remember Kerri's Amazing outlook on life. Most recently I loved following her on facebook over the years. Even though she was struggling with her health she always kept very busy and had many hobbies. She had to be one of the strongest people I know and perhaps the strongest. She has inspired me in many ways to try to be a better person. Mckenzie and I are so happy that we could have you all at our wedding 3 years ago. It really meant a lot to us to have so much family there. You are in my thoughts and I hope you guys can find strength through this very difficult time.

Love,
Mike and family

Mike Glazer - April 04, 2018 at 09:54 PM



“ Lynn and family,

I am so sorry for your loss. I remember you talking about Kerri when we worked together. I know you have many great memories you will forever keep close.

I wish you peace as you and your family grieve and come to terms with your loss.

With sympathy,

Carol Gardner - April 02, 2018 at 02:41 PM



“ Lynn and Kevin-I was so sad to hear of Kerri's passing. Lynn and I worked together through her pregnancy and subsequent delivery of the twins. I vividly recall traveling to Denver to visit Kerri and take a tiny doll-size pink sleeper to her. Lynn later showed it to me in a scrapbook.....such memories of her trials, victories and now her transition. Thinking of you all this Easter weekend and praying for your peace. Merry Perry

Merry M. Perry - April 01, 2018 at 11:11 AM



“ Jana LaScala lit a candle in memory of Kerri Renee Laman



Jana LaScala - March 27, 2018 at 11:28 PM



“ Lynn and family,
My name is Kristy Sampson Soderberg. Kerri was a friend of mine when we were teenagers. I wanted to pass along my condolences for the loss of Kerri. My mom saw the obituary in the paper. I have good memories of sweet Kerri and she touched my life in good ways back then. I also enjoyed seeing Lynn and Kerri when we would run into each other in town. Take care!

Kristy Sampson Soderberg

Kristy Soderberg - March 26, 2018 at 05:40 PM



“ Beverley Cook lit a candle in memory of Kerri Renee Laman



Beverley Cook - March 26, 2018 at 06:26 AM



“ Our entire family would like to share our gratitude and love to all the caregivers that supported Kerri for all these years. The Nurses, Doctors and all ancillary caregivers were a huge part of Kerri's life and ours. Specifically we want to thank, Jeanine RN, Adrian RN, Dr Bryan Reichert, Dr. Jill Schofield, Dr Kelly Lowther. Dr, Thomas Chiavetta and Dr. Joseph Lopez. The nurses and staff that cared for Kerri throughout the years from Poudre Infusion, CVNA, and Coram; we thank you. We thank the many nurses and staff at Poudre Valley Hospital from ED to ICU to all of the patient units and ancillary services. We thank the village that helped care for our much loved Kerri.

-Betty and Kevin Laman, Lynn Murphy and family

Betty Laman - March 24, 2018 at 07:18 PM



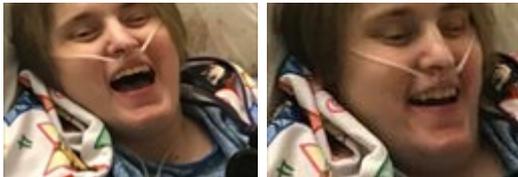
“ I love you all. Kerri was my most favorite patient and will forever live in my heart as a very dear friend. I was truly blessed to get to spend a year of life with her! She taught me so much and her love was contagious!

My most sincere love and blessing to you all and I'm so sorry I can't be there to celebrate her life with you all. Please know I'll be thinking of you and I know Kerri is finally at peace with Jesus.

Jeanine Krieger - April 02, 2018 at 09:55 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - March 24, 2018 at 01:33 PM



“ Lisa GP Furman lit a candle in memory of Kerri Renee Laman



Lisa GP Furman - March 24, 2018 at 10:05 AM



“ Sending hugs and prayers to the family Kerri well truly be miss in our Gastroparesis support group as that is where I met here in my support groups .



Jennifer Goins - March 24, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ Kerri has the most beautiful and kind soul. She was always willing to share her experiences with someone to help them feel more at ease. Kerri always had an amazing outlook on life. We have had so many conversations about life, values, animals, what made her smile, and most importantly how to find the beauty around you even in the darkest of times. Kerri was one of the few people that I could be completely frank about my own health issues. She always made me feel more comfortable and that I didn't have to feel so alone being a professional patient. Thank you, Kerri, for all of the great talks, all of the laughs, all of the dog pictures, and all of the times that you made me feel loved.

Kellyn Nabozny - March 23, 2018 at 05:35 PM



“ Fly high angel. Bless us with some of your sunshine.

Brenda - March 24, 2018 at 10:07 AM



“ I skated with Kerri at Epic. Always happy, energetic, beautiful,enthusiastic, awesome and amazing. You will be missed by many. Condolences to family and friends.

DENISE POZVEK - March 26, 2018 at 07:09 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Brian Kistner - March 23, 2018 at 05:21 PM



“ Kerri and I went to Colorado State and had mutual friends. We met years later on a Service Dog forum. Kerri was always happy and caring about her SD Sophie and other people. I enjoyed our friendship online for almost 10 years! Her energy, optimism, courage, humor, joyfulness inspired me to have the courage to cope with my own serious chronic illnesses and still follow my dreams. I feel so sad Kerri has died. To Kerri's family - your daughter, sister, cousin was an amazing young woman. Thank you for her as she was important in my life. Kerri! Roxie here! I will see you soon. You were the wind beneath my wings. Hugs. I will miss you.

Roxann Hamilton MEd - March 23, 2018 at 02:59 PM