



Rachel Stirn

November 18, 1982 - June 7, 2012

We wish for our children great things, to have success as they grow and to become adults, to have joy and to share love with others. We hope never to outlive them. Our beloved daughter, Rachel Caroline Stirn, indeed filled her 29 years abundantly. She was born on November 18, 1982, our first daughter. We loved her immensely and know the warmth of that love surrounds her spirit now. Her life ended on June 7, 2012 after suffering an epileptic seizure. Rachel loved and was loved by many. She had two sons with her soul mate, Brian Gorham. She is survived by Brian and their children, Orion and Coda Gorham; her parents, Peg and Craig Stirn; her sisters, Betsy Rush and Emily Stirn; Betsy's children, Elise and Drake Rush; Brian's parents, Judy and Gene Gorham; her maternal grandmother, Meta Wendelken; several aunts, uncles, and cousins; and her close friend Clint Guthrie . She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to help fulfill Rachel's dream of sending her children to college. A scholarship fund has been established at Wells Fargo Bank. Please join us as we celebrate the life of our precious daughter, Saturday, June 16 at 7pm in the Gardens on Spring Creek, 2145 Centre Avenue, Fort Collins. Please dress casually and bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rachel Stirn*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Craig and Peg, our deepest condolences in the loss of your daughter Rachel. I do remember seeing her at the old office as a young girl. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.*

Heather Fjare - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Rachel was a beautiful young woman. Our prayers are with you all. Our hearts break for your loss. Mark, Anna, Shelby and Tessa*

Anna Streed - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Peg, Craig, Betsy, Emily and families: Our hearts ache for you and there are no words that can really help. We have many precious memories of Rachel growing up in the neighborhood - spending time at the pool, school events, and all the times the kids played throughout the block. She was always ready to jump in and be a part of whatever activity was going on. She truly enjoyed life. We will always remember her laugh and the sparkle in her eyes. Our thought and prayers are with you.*

Dan and Karla Flook - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ *Peg and Craig: Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Rachel was a lovely young lady and we remember her fondly.*

Elaine and Ralph Lauffer - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ *Peg and family, I am so sorry to hear about Rachel's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.*

Nancy Romero - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Dear Peg
I am very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.
Dolores Tamez*

Dolores Tamez - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Dear Peg and Craig. My family and I send and surround you and your family with Love, Peace, Hope, Understanding and Compassion. We will just be getting back from a trip that day and thus unable to attend the service.*

Larry, Wanda and Alaya

Larry Werth - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Craig, all of us are so very sorry for your and your family's loss. We wish for you all a healing that is filled with wonderful memories of your lovely daughter. All the best.*

Jason Meadors - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NO

“ I am so sorry. You are right, we should not out live our children. My thoughts are with you and your family. The best we can hope for is that after time you will smile at her memory before the tears come.

Noralee - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Stirns,

I am so sorry to hear about Rachel's passing. No words can take away your sadness and grief but please know you are certainly in my thoughts and prayers.

Stephanie Nelson - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Hi Craig, Peg and Family,
What a shock to hear about Rachel - she was always a blessing and a great Spirit in our time with her as well. We pray that God will bring to all of you comfort and strength, and special strength to Brian, Orion and Coda. I got this work on Facebook - seems so long ago our paths crossed, and yet with this news seems sad to have missed the unique blessings of life with you all. Blessings and love to you, Pastor Bruce and Gwen (we live just north of LA - have 3 kids and 3 grand-kids - BJ is serving a church in La Canada, CA - all live in LA)

Pastor Bruce Johnson - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ We hold all of you in love, affirming perfect support, comfort and peace.
Blessings,
Rev. Cheri

Rev. Cheri Jensen - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Dear Peg, Craig, Emily, and Betsy,
I share in your sorrow. I remember Rachel as a bouncy little student at Bennett Elementary. She was the big sister to Emily, one of my students.
Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Love to you all.
Janie Arnold

Janie Arnold - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart is reaching out to you and your family for what you are going through. There are no words to express my sorrow for Rachel's passing. My prayers and thoughts of courage and strength are with you.

June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ Craig and Peg: I remember Rachel when she and the Renner girls were playing in Fort Collins. Rachel was a very spirited child and I share your loss. The pain will begin to lessen but the memories will remain strong and last forever.

Elizabeth Jacobs - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Our memories of Rachel go back to the summer times at the Village West Pool. We were deeply saddened to learn of her passing, much too soon. Our thoughts and prayers go with you.

Alan Burke - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Dear Peg and Craig,
What a beautiful young woman Rachael was. Know that we are thinking of you, Brian, Orion, Coda, Betsy and Emily and will lift up Rachael with each thought. This is simply tragic and we are so sorry.

Susan and Merritt Davis - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Peg - Not sure how exactly you came to introduce Rachel to me during my stint at CSU, but you did, and I was blessed to get to know both you and her. Rachel was a beautiful young lady in and out and she obviously found great happiness and blessings since I saw her nearly 15 years ago. I'm so sorry for your tragic loss.

Kristin Hubred Kingsbury - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Peg and Craig,

*I am so sorry for your loss.
Even though I didn't know Rachel,
with a daughter the same age I can
only imagine how difficult this is for you
and most especially on Rachel's children.*

Heart breaking.

*I pray your hearts will be comforted by
happy memories and God's grace.
I am thinking of you at this difficult time.*

Ann Burkett

Ann Burkett - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Craig and Peg,

I can't imagine the pain the you are experiencing. I just wanted to let you know that you and the rest of your family are in my thoughts as you deal with Rachel's loss.

Wishing you peace and comfort.

Sincerely,

Larry King

Larry King - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Peg,

I am so sorry to hear of your lose. Even though I never knew Rachel, I know she must have grown up in a loving family. I'll keep you in my prayers.

Tanya Paleski - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Dear Peg and family,

My heart goes out to you and to everyone who was touched by the life of your dear daughter Rachael. May peace fill your hearts and grace bring you comfort.

Cheryl Parker

Cheryl Parker - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Peg, Craig, Emily and Betsy.... Words can't express the sadness we feel for all of you with the passing of Rachel. It seems like yesterday our kids were in Sunday School and church with yours.... I remember Rachel drawing a perfect rose one Sunday as you were sitting in the pew ahead of us! I didn't know she had that talent, among her many others, I am sure. Peg, it's been far too long since we've chatted, but I want you to know I am here for you if you want to reconnect. We are thinking of you, praying for you, and remembering all of you as a wonderful, loving family going through a very tough time.

Jane Ritter - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Peg, Craig & family,
I am so sad to hear the news of Rachel's passing. I am reminded vividly of your house in Greeley and holding Rachel as a baby, many years ago and then watching her and all the girls grow up in Fort Collins. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers at this very sad time. May God's love give you strength.
Love always, Tracee

Tracee Sporer - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ So sorry to hear of your Loss. Rachel was one of my favorites of Sarah's (my daughter) friends. Her smile is still the same and I can hear her big laugh. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Regards

Jim Garber

Jim Garber - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Peg and Family , we are out of town nut heard the news. Just wish I could be there to give you a hug. Know that we are sorry for you loss of your dear daughter. You are in my prayers Joanne OLeary

Joanne oleary - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Peg,
I was out of town when I heard about this. I am so very, very sorry for your loss. I can't even begin to imagine what your families are going through right now. My heart hurts for you. Please know that I have been praying for you ever since I heard the news.

Sandi Dorsey - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Craig and Peg,

I was one of the legal secretaries at West & Winters when you were an associate there, Craig. I am so very sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you. You and your family are in my thoughts and my prayers.

Sincerely,

Kelly Austin
(formerly Kelly Tomasi)

Kelly Austin (formerly Kelly Tomasi) - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Hi Orion and Coda,

I wanted to tell you some stories I remember most about your Mom. First, she was fun and had a great sense of humor. When Pete and I were just dating, not married yet, your Mom was about Orion's age. Pete drove a really old beat-up car and your Mom called it "pig poop" because it was so ugly.

One time your Mom came and spent the weekend at our house after we were married. I had an old box of greeting cards that I was going to throw away. She cut the pictures and words from them, pasted, colored, and made new greeting cards for me that were so cool. She was so creative. I told her she could start a greeting card business because the cards she made were so good.

I have a lot more stories about your Mom and I can tell them to you if you are missing her or whenever you want me to.

*Love,
Aunt Sandi*

Sandi Stephenson - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Craig & family:

The staff of the Drake Professional Park would like to express our deepest sympathy for your loss.

*Sincerely,
Barry, Jodi, Diane & Sam*

Jodi Riffe - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ I loved your opening paragraph in Rachel's obituary. I, too, lost my daughter - at the age of 36 to cancer. It's been awhile now and I still keep hoping I'll wake up from a bad dream...but that's not to happen. I think so often of a favorite quote of mine by Edna St. Vincent Millay: "The presence of that absence is everywhere." It's so true.
Rachel sounds like a wonderful person and I'm sure will be missed by all; try to concentrate on happy memories - it does help.

Linda - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

P(

“ My heart goes out to you at the loss of your darling daughter. I remember with such fondness the friendship she and Damon had in grade school, how bright she was, what a great organizer, as she tried (in vain!) to keep Damon's desk straight. Rachel was a bright star, and my heart goes out to you.

Paula Zellner (Searles) - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Peg and Craig,

We just learned of Rachel's passing. What a shock! I can't imagine the heartache of losing your child. My heart goes out to you as well as a big on-line hug. I only wish I was there to give you the hug in person. Just know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time!

God Bless you and your entire family!
Sherie Turner

Sherie and Terry Turner - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM