



Jenae Anne Ridge

November 22, 1991 - August 2, 2023

Jenae Anne Ridge, 31, of Muskegon, a free-spirited lover of life and devoted mother, daughter, and wife, died peacefully surrounded by her family on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, in Muskegon. Jenae was born November 22, 1991, in Lansing, the daughter of Wayne and Yvonne (Hannold) Ridge. She graduated from Charlotte High School in 2009 before earning her Bachelor Degree in Social Work from Michigan State University in 2013. Following college graduation, Jenae led a life of adventure and travel which shaped the person she grew to be. Jenae eventually settled in Salt Lake City, Utah, a place she called home for the past 7 years. Jenae was not afraid to do what made her happy, which led her to a career shift. Jenae loved the opportunity to be creative in her role as a web designer, but she found her passion in teaching and competing in competitive pole dancing. While in Utah, she met Andy Butterworth. The two started their family by bringing Aspen into the world and married on September 28, 2018.

Jenae loved the outdoors, especially camping and hiking, but more than anything else she loved being a mother. Over the past few weeks, many friends shared messages with Jenae and two common qualities kept repeating. Jenae inspired others in the way she loved her daughter. She always made time for "special play time", even while confined to a hospital bed. Jenae was fun, patient, forgiving, and so deeply loving. Jenae also inspired everyone she met with her radiant smile and outlook on life. She lived

life to the fullest and was never afraid to try new things or do what made her happy, even if they were scary.

She always saw the good in everyone she met and had the unique ability to help others see that same light in themselves. She loved to say, "We can do hard things," which for her included skydiving, cliff diving, rock climbing, and eventually battling cancer. She was a passionate yoga and competitive pole dancing instructor. She competed out of Moxy Studio in Salt Lake City and had recently started her own studio business. She was booked out solid before she had to cancel for health reasons. Eventually, Jenae and Andy moved with their daughter, Aspen, to Muskegon, MI, to be near her family. Many will forever remember her passionate outlook on life, dedication to family, and driven personality.

Jenae is survived by her husband, Andy Butterworth; daughter, Aspen Jade Butterworth; parents, Wayne and Yvonne Ridge of Charlotte; siblings, DJ McGill of Charlotte, Eric (Morene) McGill of Charlotte, Shalyne (Sean) Harris of Twin Lake, and Hailee Ridge (Russ Werner) of Okemos; grandparents, Ron and Flora Hannold of Charlotte and Ken Ridge of Lansing; and several uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Patty Ridge.

Friends are encouraged to support Jenae's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. A Celebration of Life will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 13, 2023 at Pioneer Park Picnic Lodge, 563 Scenic Dr., Muskegon, MI 49445-9612. Come with memories to share and dressed in color to match her shining light. Let's celebrate her life and the positive impact she had on us all!

If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Aspen Butterworth's College Fund, in care of Susan Butterworth. The family is in the care of Pray

Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Pioneer Park Picnic Lodge
563 N Scenic Dr
Muskegon, MI 49445

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jenae Anne Ridge.

August 12, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Jenae Anne Ridge.



August 12, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ Heather W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jenae Anne Ridge.

Heather W. - August 12, 2023 at 04:01 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jenae Anne Ridge.



August 11, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Jenae Anne Ridge.



August 11, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jenae Anne Ridge.



August 11, 2023 at 07:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jenae Anne Ridge.

August 10, 2023 at 04:27 PM



“ We fondly remember Jenae and her beautiful smile from Girl Scouts. She truly did "light up the room". Jenae will be remembered for her joy of life and will be missed by all who had the pleasure to know her. We send comfort and condolences to the families.
Nancy Hindenach and Rachel

Nancy Hindenach - August 08, 2023 at 09:46 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jenae Anne Ridge.*



August 08, 2023 at 08:18 PM



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August 08, 2023 at 01:42 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jenae Anne Ridge.*



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jenae Anne Ridge.*



August 08, 2023 at 11:08 AM

SZ

“ Susan Ziegler lit a candle in memory of Jenae Anne Ridge



Susan Ziegler - August 07, 2023 at 05:54 PM

PJ

“ So sorry for your loss.

Pam Johnson - August 07, 2023 at 12:09 PM

LH

“ Wayne & Yvonne ,

Sending you many thoughts & prayers during the your loss. May you find peace knowing that others care , and are praying for strength, courage & God's grace during the days ahead to guide you all to peace & comfort. Lorie Hartley

Lorie Hartley - August 04, 2023 at 01:22 PM

CW

“ Chad And Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of Jenae Anne Ridge



Chad and Carol Walker - August 04, 2023 at 11:50 AM