



Layla Kaye Sands

March 16, 2006 - November 17, 2021

Layla Kaye Sands, of Charlotte, Michigan died November 17, 2021 at the age of 15. Layla was born on March 16, 2006 in Lansing to Robert Sands and Jennifer Kaye (Gordon) Ellis. Layla lived her life fearlessly and as fully as most who live until the age of 103. She wanted more than anything to have a normal and healthy body, and to not be defined by her illness that she lived with for 10 years of her life. She was empathetic and sensitive to whatever anyone else was going through. She would take on other peoples' problems over dealing with her own. She loved her family, pets, and loved the time spent with her friends and the fun they enjoyed together. She participated in dance, competitive cheer, played the sax and piano, and learned how to play the ukulele. She was a sponge for learning new things and gifted. She had the ability to look at something, sketch it, and then make it come to life with acrylic paints. She was a peacemaker and a leader in group situations, often able to see solutions that could make all parties happy. She had a glow about her that drew others to her, cheerful and full of love and life, ready to share. She lived life to the fullest. Layla was a champion and a true warrior.

Layla is survived by her dad, Robert Sands; mother, Jennifer (J.D.) Ellis; grandparents, Brenda Kaye O'Malley, Basal Ellis, Sue Ellis; great-grandmother, Betty Kapp; siblings, Robbie Sands, Avery Ellis, Jeremiah Fuller, Anson Fuller; aunts, April (Dave) Killewald, Rachel (Nick) Fowler; uncle, Patrick O'Malley; and numerous cousins. She was predeceased by her

grandparents, Steve Gordon, Louise (Malgiere) Sands, Robert J. Sands, Robert (Bob) Kapp and Clarence Goucher.

Friends and family are encouraged to support Layla's family by attending services or sharing memories on her tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com. A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, December 10, 6:00 PM at Hidden Creek Farms, 2181 E. Vermontville Hwy., Charlotte. Memorial contributions are suggested to the family. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 10. 6:00 PM (ET)

Hidden Creek Farms
2181 E. Vermontville Hwy.
Charlotte, MI 48813
<https://www.experiencehiddencreek.com/>

Tribute Wall

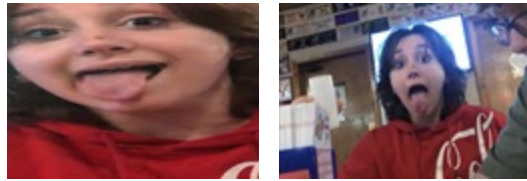
VI

“ So very sorry for your loss.....hugs, love and prayers <3

Vikki - December 11, 2021 at 10:02 PM

XD

“ I was friends with Layla for a long time and I'll never forget how happy she made everyone who was around her. There was never a time I would see her weak throughout the few years I knew her. I remember a New Years party with her and the moment she walked in the room everyone smiled. She brought happiness with her everywhere she went and I'm so glad I got the honor to meet her. I hope the best for her family and friends.



Xavier DeShong - December 02, 2021 at 10:53 PM

JE

Thank you so much for sharing this!

Jennifer ellis - December 04, 2021 at 09:10 PM

VA

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Vikkii Arcila - November 30, 2021 at 03:31 PM

BO

Thank you Sis ❤️

Brenda O'Malley - November 30, 2021 at 11:30 PM

MS

My heart goes out to Brenda, Jennifer and the rest of the family at this difficult time. Layla was such a spirited young lady! I have fond memories of climbing Beaumont Tower and visiting the MSU Museum with her when Brenda brought her to work on "Take Your Child to Work" day. Although she is gone way too soon, her legacy will continue.

Michelle Strickler

Michelle Strickler - December 02, 2021 at 10:16 AM

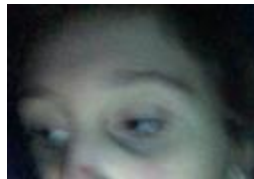
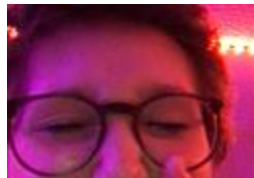
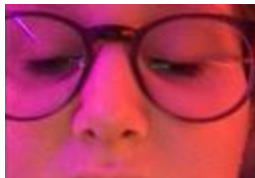
JE

Thank you for sharing Michelle!

Jennifer ellis - December 04, 2021 at 09:11 PM

RH

“ Even tho we had not hung out we were best friends for a long while she was my light in the dark world she was my best friend I could ever ask for. There was not a night we did not FaceTime and my dad yelled at me to quite down because it was never a dull moment with Layla she was amazing. I met her parents over the phone and she met mine we were so close we shared everything with each other we knew ever other’s whole world. Yet one thing we very rarely talked about was her being sick. Yes I knew and I knew all the details but that wasn’t what our friendship was based on I knew her and I loved her for her than she told me and my heart broke for her and her family I love her with every bit of me. She is my best friend and I can not wait for the day we meet again. I love you Layla and I have all the prayers for Layla’s family I love you all❤️



Rebekah Hill - November 25, 2021 at 12:47 AM

JE

Thank you sweetie!

Jennifer Ellis - November 29, 2021 at 06:49 PM

VA

Sending much love and prayers of comfort.....from Aunt Vikki <3

Vikkii Arcila - November 30, 2021 at 03:30 PM



“ *Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden was purchased for the family of Layla Kaye Sands.*



November 24, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Layla Kaye Sands.*



November 24, 2021 at 07:40 AM



“ *True loved ❤️ and spirited young lady who will be missed so much Layla and the family I light this candle in her of her life 🙏*



Michelle Dale - November 24, 2021 at 07:02 AM



Thank you so much Michelle 💕

Brenda O'Malley - December 02, 2021 at 09:40 AM

AD

“ Layla, You we’re the sweetest soul anyone knew. You were so kind, brave, and so so strong. Life gave you hell and you fought with everything inside you for as long as you could. We are so proud of you and we know you are watching down on all of us and you aren’t in pain anymore. Rest in peace my dear Layla. we love you and miss you more then you’ll ever know! 😞☐



Angel Diamond - November 24, 2021 at 12:50 AM

JE

Thank you sweetie!

Jennifer Ellis - November 29, 2021 at 06:50 PM