



## Azhara Ivey Kennicker

April 24, 2013 - February 17, 2019

Cobb - Azhara Ivey Kennicker, age 5, born on April 24, 2013, passed away February 17, 2019 with her parents by her side. She had a warrior's spirit, but her body finally lost its courageous battle. Being born with CHD (Congenital Heart Disease), she spent many days at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. She had countless surgeries and procedures, and though it took longer than most planned, she always managed to bounce back. She made many friends and touched so many people during her brief time with us. There wasn't a sporting event on tv she wouldn't watch with her dad, an art project her and mommy didn't attempt, a book she wouldn't listen to when read by the nurses or grandmas, a joke she wouldn't play on her grandpas (she knew they were afraid of her alarms), or spending every second a very proud big sister. Until the end, her proudest time was spent with her friends in the IG 4K program. She loved being around all her classmates, and especially when they took the time to sit down and read to her. When she wasn't working on school or projects, she would sneak away on her deck to watch the birds and butterflies.

Azhara is survived by her loving parents, Tyler and Christi Kennicker, one sister Espn, two brothers Moxon and Riddick, her grandparents David and Lori Kennicker, Brad and Paula Ziegelmann, and Mark and Melinda Rischar, two uncles Brian (Sarah Gonsior) Kennicker, Danny Ziegelmann, five aunts Amber Kennicker, Katie (Trevor Nash) Rischar, Abbie (Doug) Lyke, Bethany (Jeremy) Kiefer, and Marissa Boyer, her favorite cousin Tremaine Kennicker,

her loving godparents Jason Ruskell and Kathy Bobadilla, her Great-Grandparents, and countless cousins and many, many friends. She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents Arnold and Elizabeth Kennicker, Paul Tuescher, and her great-aunt Jill Ruskell.

A public visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2019 at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville. Private family services will be held.

The family would like to thank all those that helped with the endless needs required to make her life at home possible. Without Marilyn Cuda, Coral Swanson, Claudia Gehlaart and the other nurses over the years Azhara wouldn't have strived in her home setting. A special thank you to all the staff at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin for your countless hours making sure we would get her home each time. Last but not least, the Make-A-Wish foundation for her wonderful deck that allowed her to enjoy her time outside.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to Team Azhara, c/o Mound City Bank, 640 Dodge Street, Mineral Point, WI 53565 or can be dropped off at any Mound City Bank location.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home  
400 East Grace Street  
Dodgeville, WI 53533  
(608) 935-5222  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Azhara Ivey Kennicker

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ Anola's story is similar to Graecie's-she also became fast friends with Z when she met her-she was enthralled with Badger, and thought it was really awesome that Z could still do all of the things she did. She didn't see her any differently than her friend. Z was such a great friend to so many in her class-she will definitely be missed! Anola said that just because you're different, and do things differently, doesn't mean you can't still have fun! She loved making sure that Z was included, even if it was just reading to her, like Graecie. Anola also said that she will think of Z every time she sees a beautiful, bright goldfinch, because it would be bright like Z's smile. She brought so much joy to her friends, and was a huge part in teaching them about acceptance and compassion. Much love to you all. Your daughter is such a gift to many.

Erin S Meyer-O'Day - February 22, 2019 at 12:49 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Azhara Ivey Kennicker.



February 22, 2019 at 10:59 AM

JM

“ *JoeAnn Miller lit a candle in memory of Azhara Ivey Kennicker*



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**JoeAnn Miller** - February 21, 2019 at 01:02 PM

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*My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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**JoeAnn Miller** - February 21, 2019 at 01:03 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Azhara Ivey Kennicker.*



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February 21, 2019 at 09:34 AM

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“ *My daughter Graecie was in her 4k class at Iowa Grant. Graecie took to her right away and they became friends she even called her Z for a nickname. Graecie would always come home and tell us about her day at school and whenever she mentioned Z she was always super excited and bouncing all over the place. Graecie would always read her book and she said Z really enjoyed it. These two little girls had a bond between them that was bigger than any of us would know. Z played a big roll in miss Graecies life and I'm glad they got to meet each other and become friends. Sometimes Graecie would call her princess Z. So from our family to yours rest in piece princess Z. Miss Graecie said you will always be her best friend and she will love and miss you.*

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**Danielle Schafer** - February 20, 2019 at 06:48 PM



“ *Uncle Billy Joe Ivey lit a candle in memory of Azhara Ivey Kennicker*



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**Uncle Billy Joe Ivey** - February 19, 2019 at 08:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Azhara Ivey Kennicker.*



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February 19, 2019 at 08:49 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Azhara Ivey Kennicker.*



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February 19, 2019 at 02:31 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Azhara Ivey Kennicker.*



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February 19, 2019 at 01:41 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Azhara Ivey Kennicker.*



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February 19, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Azhara Ivey Kennicker.*



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February 19, 2019 at 07:28 AM