



Brianna Rose Walczak

August 10, 1987 - May 12, 2016

Dodgeville - Brianna Rose Walczak, 28, of Dodgeville, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, May 12, 2016.

Brianna was born August 10, 1987, in Janesville, WI. She graduated from Dodgeville High School in 2005 and Edgewood College School of Nursing in 2012. She was currently employed at St. Mary's in the Medical ICU, doing what she loved. She was a beautiful, passionate young woman who loved helping people and dedicated her life to making others' lives better. Brianna developed an early love of dancing, gymnastics, and gardening (with help from her grandpas).

She is survived by her father and mother, David and Anita Walczak (Phillips), sister Jacki Young Walczak (Matthew), brother Todd Walczak, paternal grandparents Charles and Ruth Walczak, maternal grandparents Arthur and Helen Phillips, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, friends, and her beloved dog, Sophie.

Brianna was a leader who always spoke her mind; charismatic, intelligent, sharp, witty, irreverent, and hilarious. She was always unassuming; people could be themselves in her presence. As a professional she was a fierce defender of others and brought peace to those who were suffering.

Breezy would elevate you, either with uncompromising compassion or with an unexpected blast of ridiculous humor. We are forever lifted up by her spirit.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2016 at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville.

Tribute Wall



“ *Brianna Rose Walczak*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *missing you everyday*

Christine Lynette - May 13, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ *My heart and thoughts are with all of you during this very difficult time. It's still very hard knowing she is no longer with us but I will always hold on to the happy memories of her, as I know you will, too. It brings me joy being able to have known her through dance and seeing how beautiful she was when she performed. Everyone was very lucky to have her be a part of the SABA family. I'm so appreciative of being able to have spent time with your family over the weekend to remember Bri. Thank you for bringing such a bright light into everyone's lives as she touched so many. She lit up the world with her smile, contagious laugh, witty humor, and beautiful spirit. If there is anything my family and I can do to help, please let me know. Thinking of you all every day. ~Love, Carrie*

Carrie Josh - April 28, 2018 at 01:38 AM



“ *My sympathy to your family. Bri was a fun girl that I got to know through Amara. She was a good friend to my daughter and she was lots of fun to be with. She will be missed.*

Kathy Gobel - April 28, 2018 at 01:38 AM

JB

“ Dear Dave & Anita, We are so sorry to hear about Brianna our hearts go out to you. Our prayers and thoughts will be with you now and in the coming days. Our deepest sympathy. Kris & Jeff Borne

Jeff Borne - April 28, 2018 at 01:38 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Diana Delehanty (Hughes) - April 28, 2018 at 01:38 AM

KS

“ I want to express my deepest sympathy to Brianna's family. I had the pleasure of having Brianna in a nursing course at Edgewood. I remember her wonderful sense of humor and deep passion for caring for others. Every time she walked in the room, it was made brighter because of her presence. She will be deeply missed by all. God bless, Katie Selle

Katie Selle - April 28, 2018 at 01:38 AM

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“ Heaven has another amazing angel! Brianna was kind to everyone! An infectious laugh that brought brightness to our whole unit! A dedicated nurse who gave everything she had to her patients and her families every day! She is and will be dearly missed! There is a stillness and a hole in our unit now grieving for one of our very own. A friend and a beloved co-worker who truly left the world too soon. But God only takes the best and she was that the best! There is no doubt in my mind that this beautiful lady is caring for God's angels in heaven! She is running in the hills of heaven with all of the dogs that have gone before her! And God is smiling and full of joy because he knows what a special soul Brianna is! Our hearts are heavy, are tears are many and this special lady will live in our hearts! My last memory of Brianna was of her laughing in the report room, I was charting at the nurses' station and I stopped and smiled knowing how fortunate I was to work with her and to know her. My thoughts and prayers are with her family now and for everyone who knew her. May God be with them and us to help us with our sadness of our grief for missing this beautiful lady! We love you Brianna! We miss your beautiful heart!

Amy Steinmetz - April 28, 2018 at 01:38 AM

LB

“ Dear Anita, Dave, Walczak and Philips family Our hearts are breaking for you , she is gone too soon. In the ICU she must have touched so many lives in the deepest way that humans can. Our sincerest sympathy Liz, Hank, Nate, Will and Grace Bothfeld

Liz Bothfeld - April 28, 2018 at 01:38 AM

PA

“ I had the pleasure of having Brianna as a student at Agrace during her time in nursing school. She was a wonderful presence, kind, compassionate and welcoming to all. So much so that she also welcomed my daughter as a room mate during her senior year at Edgewood. They had many good talks and laughs together. May you find peace in this Nightingale Memorial Poem for Nurses: When a calming, quiet presence was all that was needed, She was there. In the excitement and miracle of birth or in the mystery and loss of life, She was there. When a silent glance could uplift a patient, family member or friend, She was there. At those times when the unexplainable needed to be explained, She was there. When the situation demanded a swift foot and sharp mind, She was there. When a gentle touch, a firm push, or an encouraging word was needed, She was there. In choosing the best one from a family's Thank You box of chocolates, She was there. To witness humanity its beauty, in good times and bad, without judgment, She was there. To embrace the woes of the world, willingly, and offer hope, She was there. And now, that it is time to be at the Greater One's side, She is there! Brianna will be dearly missed. Sending you peace and healing. Pamela Crary and Tarah (Crary) Rahberger

Pamela Crary, PhD, RN AHN-BC - April 28, 2018 at 01:38 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working alongside Brianna a few times in the MICU. She was an absolute joy to be around and was a very talented nurse. I will miss her comic relief and powerful presence. May she rest easy.

May 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our paths conjoined for just a bit, only a few miles along our journeys. We strode side by side within each other's footfalls, taking in what came. The travel with you seemed lighter. Time spent was filled with brightness and beauty. The trail below seemed smoother, less steep, while we walked together. All too soon, our paths diverged. Yours took you away. I look back as I wander on, struck by the wonder of the gift of your companionship. I shall always miss our time together, saddened that it can't repeat. But I will forever look back with teary eyes and smile, because I had the chance to walk a short while with you.*

May 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM