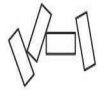


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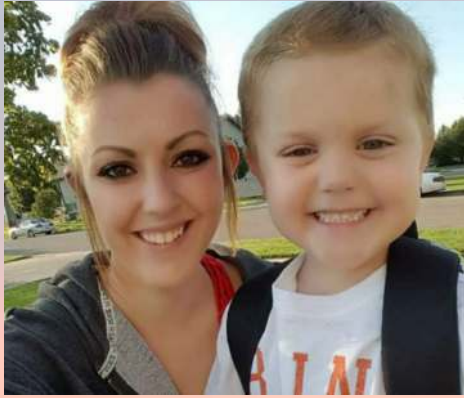
Let go of the idea of perfection — you are not perfect, you are real. Let yourself be flawed, and allow yourself to make mistakes. Recognize that you're not always going to have it all together. Sometimes your heart is going to break you are going to get hurt, you are going to feel pain. Don't apologize for being broken — every time you break you become a little more alive. You become more open with yourself. You become exposed to your sensibility. Every crack tells you a little more about yourself — your strength, your courage, your tenacity — what you're made of. Do not hide these pieces from the world, they are a part of who you are. You see, the most beautiful people are beautifully broken. Their hearts are heavy but they love the deepest. They have seen the dark but they appreciate everything that shines. They're compassionate, understanding, and empathetic. Beautiful hearts just don't happen — and you, my dear, are going to show the world just how beautiful you are.

In Loving Memory of



Sakara L. Topp

January 10, 1995 - September 10, 2020



Our beautiful “Pooh Bear” Sakara Louise Topp, age 25, of Onida, South Dakota, left this world behind by suicide when her “demons” just became too much for her shattered mind to process, on the afternoon of September 10, 2020.

Sakara Louise Larson was born to Tammy Lynn Larson in Jamestown, ND, on January 10, 1995. She was an absolute perfect beauty. Sakara and Tammy later joined forces with Lee James Topp at his residence in Grace City, ND. On April 10, 2000, she welcomed her chubby, smiley baby brother, Brayden Wallace Topp into their family. Like any great sister, she showered her brother with love and an occasional punch! They grew up to share an incredible bond. Lee and Tammy were married on August 4, 2001, but later divorced in 2011. On September 2, 2003, Lee made Sakara one of the happiest little girls in the world when he legally made her his own; plus, she was excited that her last name finally matched everyone else's. Lee remarried Nikki Olson on October 4, 2014.

Sakara attended grade school at Midkota Elementary in Binford, ND, and high school at Midkota High in Glenfield, ND. She was active in basketball and volleyball. She loved to play and compete, but she especially loved the bond she shared with other players on the team and all the fun memories they made at practices and on bus rides.

Sakara's sports career was cut short when our baby girl welcomed her own baby boy, Kadyx Loren-Ray Topp, into this world on June 20, 2011. Being a teenage mom and finishing high school were tough, but armed with some dedicated helpers, she graduated with her class, with honors, and college credits in May 2013.

Sakara and Kadyx moved to South Dakota in 2013. She attended one semester of college at SDSU, but found she just wasn't ready for college yet. She lived in Brookings, South Dakota, until 2019. It was while she was in Brookings that we started to notice, her inner "demons" (as she referred to them) began to grab hold of her, and when we started to notice her struggle with alcohol as well, a suspected maladaptive coping technique.

In 2019, she moved to Onida, SD, to be closer to her mom, Tammy and her mom's fiancé, Kevin Thibodeau, for moral supports and to help with her little man, Kadyx, while she worked on getting the help she needed. She worked at Don's grocery store and started counseling at Capital Area Counseling in Pierre, SD. She soon decided to go to treatment at a facility in Montana, with the support of her entire family, in the summer of 2020. She did very well for a short time, but her inner demons returned with vengeance and this time they walked away with her life.

Her family asks that you remember Sakara, not by the action that took her life, but by her amazing smile and kind and generous heart. She left us all far too soon, but left us with some amazing memories. Cherish those memories and hold them close to your heart. Remember her with love and compassion.

Sakara is survived by her amazing little man, Kadyx, and her beloved fur baby, Missy, Onida, SD; her mom and step-dad, Tammy Topp and Kevin Thibodeau, Onida, SD; her dad and step-mom, Lee and Nikki Topp, Grace City, ND; brother, Brayden Topp, Carrington, ND; step-brother, Ryan McGregor and daughter Brynley, Fargo, ND; step-brother Jaden McGregor and Mikaela Carlson, Fargo, ND; step-sister, Siehera Thibodeau and fiancé Anthony Behr, Sioux Falls, SD; step-brothers Kevin Thibodeau, Brookings, SD, and Kyle Thibodeau, Toronto, SD; grandparents, Ray and Patricia Topp, Grace City, ND; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by grandparents, Loren and Lavon Larson, who were there to welcome her with open arms and a ready hug.

In Loving Memory of
Sakara Louise Topp

January 10, 1995 - Jamestown, ND

September 10, 2020 - Onida, SD

PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday, September 17, 2020 ~ 7:00PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, Carrington

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, September 18, 2020 ~ 2:00PM

Midkota High School, Glenfield, ND

OFFICIATING

Lynn Schultz

MUSIC

You Raise Me Up ~ On Eagle's Wings ~ Hold On To Memories

PALLBEARERS

Brayden Topp ~ Chase Ellingson ~ Cayler Ellingson
Austin Neumiller ~ Aaron Neumiller ~ Tristin Larson
Kevin Thibodeau Jr. ~ Colton Hanson

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Abbey Neumiller ~ Ashley Neumiller ~ Lily Larson
Myla Larson ~ Siehera Thibodeau ~ Kyle Thibodeau
Ryan McGregor ~ Jaden McGregor

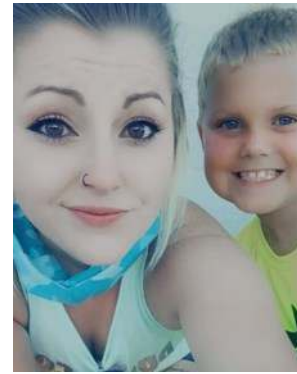
BURIAL

Grace City Cemetery, Grace City, ND

Arrangements by

Evans Funeral Home - Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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Remember Me

Remember me for my smile,
and the memories we share.

When missing me becomes too much,

just know I'll always be there.

Even though you can't see me,

I never went away.

So you know you're not alone,

I'll be sending signs your way.

When you feel the wind blow,

or the warmth of the sun's rays,

that's how you'll know I'm with you,

in all the coming days.

I know that you are hurting,

As you say goodbye today.

So hold me close to your heart,

until we're together again someday.

Written by Siehera Thibodeau