



## Gemma Ferrari Sciuto-Alverson

March 13, 1987 - April 1, 2018

Gemma Ferrari Sciuto-Alverson, age 31 of Mattoon, IL, formerly of Rockford, IL, passed away on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital, while fighting Ewing's Sarcoma.

The funeral service in her honor will be held at 2:00 P.M., Sunday, April 8, 2018 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938; Pastor Travis Spencer will officiate. The visitation will be held the same day at the funeral home from 12:00 P.M. until the time of service. A reception in Gemma's honor will be held following the services at the Mattoon VFW for all to attend. A public graveside ceremony will take place at 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at Rockton Township Cemetery in Rockton, IL. Gemma was born on March 13, 1987 in Rockford, IL, the daughter of Francesca F. Sciuto and James Alverson. She was a graduate from Stillman Valley High School and Augustana College in Rock Island, IL, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. Gemma met Keith Walton in college and they were married on June 16, 2012 at Anderson Japanese Gardens in Rockford, IL.

Gemma and Keith moved to Mattoon, IL where she worked for the United States Postal Office as a postal carrier, a job that she loved. She enjoyed working everyday with her coworkers and customers.

Gemma was proud of her Italian heritage and was able to share a trip with her husband and mother to Italy, Switzerland, France, and England.

She was a gifted writer, with putting thoughts to paper with such ease. She

had a lifelong love for animals, including her two dogs, Penny and Scarlet, two cats, Butters and Callie, a pig, Faith, and her birds.

Gemma enjoyed working with her hands, fixing things and remodeling her home with her husband. She also wrote music and was an avid guitar and drum player. Gemma and Keith would occasionally sing and play at the local coffee shop in Charleston, IL.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Keith Walton of Mattoon, IL; her loving and caring mother Francesca Scuito and husband Christopher Onsgard; one generous uncle, Tony Sciuto and wife Kim; caring in-laws, Gary and Jeanne Walton; sisters-in-law, Gina Hayunga and husband Tim, Laura Walton; one niece, Addyson Hayunga; and dear friend, Kelly Gillis.

Gemma was a caring person who would do anything for people or animals, and greatly loved her family and friends. She was known for her hard work, loyalty and generosity. She was a great role model to many.

Memorials in Gemma's honor may be made to the family in care of Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home or Coles County Animal Shelter, 6818 Co Rd 1120 East, Charleston, IL.

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Rockton Township Cemetery

Rockton, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
1200 Wabash Ave  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
(217) 234-8828  
contact@mitchelljerdan.com  
<https://www.mitchell-jerdan.com/>

## Service

APR 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
1200 Wabash Ave  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
(217) 234-8828  
contact@mitchelljerdan.com  
<https://www.mitchell-jerdan.com/>

## Graveside Service

---

APR 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

Rockton Township Cemetery  
Rockton, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gemma Ferrari Sciuto-Alverson*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Our deepest of sympathies to Frannie and the whole family.*



**Carolee & Jamie Will-extended family** - April 07, 2018 at 06:41 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gemma Ferrari Sciuto-Alverson.*



April 06, 2018 at 09:01 PM



“ *Erin Heeb and Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Gemma Ferrari Sciuto-Alverson.*



**Erin Heeb and Family** - April 06, 2018 at 05:12 PM

EH

“ *Erin Heeb lit a candle in memory of Gemma Ferrari Sciuto-Alverson*



Erin Heeb - April 06, 2018 at 05:04 PM

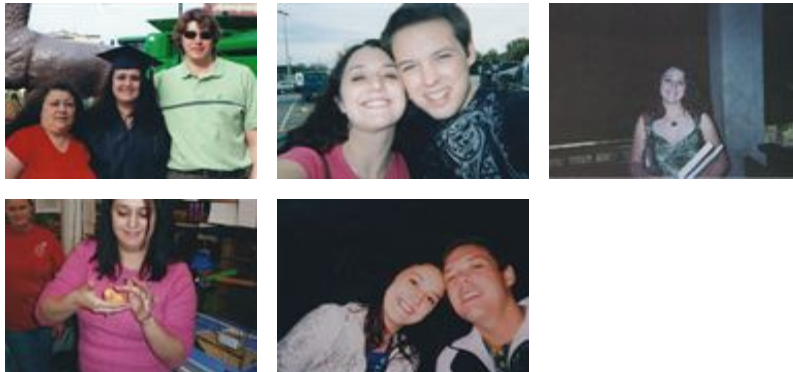
EH

*I never knew Gemma personally, but from every photo that I have ever seen of her I could tell that she lived a life that she was truly happy with. I always imagined that I would have liked her. I am so sorry for your loss Keith.*

Erin Heeb - April 06, 2018 at 05:15 PM



“ *52 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - April 05, 2018 at 12:59 PM

TN

“ *Gemma loved strong and her love lives on. Celebrating the life of one incredible woman and thinking of her loved ones today.*



The Colehour Family (Rockford neighbors) - April 05, 2018 at 11:20 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gemma Ferrari Sciuto-Alverson.*



April 05, 2018 at 09:44 AM



“ *Gemma I am so very happy and glad that I had the wonderful blessing to have met you and got to know you. God only takes the best so I know you are now pain free and singing loud!!! Fly high sweet young lady 🙏*

**Judy Bily** - April 04, 2018 at 08:09 PM



*Met her delivering the mail in Mattoon. She was the most caring and Sweetest woman always had time to chat for a few minutes.*

**Carl Carter jr** - April 05, 2018 at 10:01 AM



“ *Anita Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Gemma Ferrari Sciuto-Alverson*



**Anita Kaufman** - April 04, 2018 at 07:06 PM



“ *SPARKLES heaven must have needed another 🥰. Shine on birthday sister. I am glad to have known you on earth.*

**Anita Kaufman** - April 04, 2018 at 07:05 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



---

**Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home** - April 04, 2018 at 06:58 PM