



Marla Kay "Sunny K" McKenzie

August 31, 1983 - May 2, 2015

Mattoon, IL-Marla 'Sunny K' Kay McKenzie, age 31, of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 6:25 a.m., Saturday, May 2, 2015. \r\n\r\nThe funeral service in her honor will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 p.m., at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL, 61938, with Reverend Richard Eident officiating. Interment will be in Dodge Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be held from Noon until the service begins.\r\n\r\nBorn August 31, 1983, in Mattoon, IL, Marla was the daughter of Jud and Lynn (Hendrix) McKenzie, both survive. She is also survived by the love of her life, Tim Dare of Mattoon, IL; a sister, Amber N. McKenzie of Mattoon, IL; and a nephew, Caleb McKenzie of Mattoon, IL. \r\n\r\nMarla or 'Sunny K', a nick-name affectionately given to her by her dad, and how she was known to most, had been employed by Pagliacci's restaurant for nine years. She loved her job and her customers and spent much of her time there. However, when not at work, she had many hobbies and activities to keep her busy. Marla was a member of the Fallen Heroes Motorcycle Club, a group of bikers who organize rides and fundraisers to benefit veterans and others in need. She had a talent for photography and although her nephew and other family and friends were most often her subjects, she was interested in pursuing it further. She adored animals, all animals, but especially her dog and two cats. Mustang cars were another passion -one that developed early, and by the age of sixteen, she had earned and saved enough to pay cash for her first one. Since then, she has owned two more. Riding motorcycles and listening to music, of any kind, were also

among her favorite pastimes. \r\n\r\nMarla had many loves, but none compared to the love she found just over a year ago, when she met Tim. Together, they enjoyed traveling, motorcycles, music, and just simply being together. \r\n\r\nAlthough her time on Earth seemed far too short to those who loved her, they find some comfort in that she was with him, riding a motorcycle on the way to a fundraiser when it came to an end. She truly died doing what she loved with her one true love. \r\n\r\nMemorials in her honor may be made to the Fallen Heroes Motorcycle Club. \r\n\r\nPlease visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome.com to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with her family.\r\n

Tribute Wall



“ *Marla Kay "Sunny K" McKenzie*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Test*

Staff - May 11, 2015 at 08:02 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with
Dick & Alberta Bradford
Chad, Michele & Dylan Price
Valerie Chancellor
Doug, Gabrielle & Julius Morrow*

Bradford Family - May 08, 2015 at 03:04 PM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of Marla. She was a very special person. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family as well as that special person in her life.*

Mary Waldvogel - May 06, 2015 at 01:42 PM



“ *SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.*

David & Virginia Lauter - May 06, 2015 at 12:39 AM



“ *So sorry for your family's loss. Marla was always so pleasant and upbeat. The world is much better because she was a part of it.*

Jessica Lester Kent - May 05, 2015 at 03:36 PM

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“ To all the McKenzie family u all in my thoughts and prayers at this time Marla was a good person and she be miss and rideing motorcycle up in heaven have feel time Rip Marla McKenzie

Kelly Armstrong - May 05, 2015 at 12:12 PM

EH

“ So sorry to hear of this tragic accident. Tim, I feel for you man. I've known you for a while & I just hope & pray time will eventually heal your soul...I've lost too many loved ones myself & still have that heartache that will never go away, but I know they are all watching over me every day & I see it in the breezes thru the trees, a laughing child or a surprise visit from a wandering animal.... hugs to Miss Marla's family & to you Tim....\r\n

Eva (Cobble) Hess - May 05, 2015 at 04:10 AM

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“ Marla will always be remember for her lovely smile and good witts. Always a please seeing her at work. Will be missed by all who knew her. So sorry for your loss. She is in a better place now and we will one day see her again.

Dwayne Miller - May 05, 2015 at 02:34 AM