



Alisa K. Blanchette

May 17, 1974 - November 14, 2017

Alisa K. Blanchette, 43, died at her home of breast cancer on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. She is survived by her four beloved children, Luke, 13; Addison, 11; Brooke, 9; and Kendall, 8; her mother, Carol Kelley Jackman; brother, Matthew Kelley; stepmother, Sally Kelley; stepfather, Robert Jackman; mother-in-law, Linda Blanchette, brother-in-law, Craig (Ann) Blanchette; sister-in-law, Carrie (Nathan) White as well as aunts and uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Her husband, Cory, was killed while jogging on November 1, 2011 and her father, Thomas L. Kelley preceded her in death the following year.

Alisa was a graduate of Manteno High School and graduated cum laude from Millikin University, Decatur, IL with a B.S. in Elementary Education. She was named to the 1996 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" and was in the James Millikin Scholars Honors Program. She was elected president of her social sorority, Alpha Lambda Delta her senior year and received her Master of Science in Education from Olivet Nazarene University. She taught 4th and 5th grades in Manteno, Palos Hills, and Chebanse, IL. She currently served as Village Clerk in Manteno, IL. Throughout her years of cancer treatment, she was uplifted many times by those in the Manteno community who did small, caring things for her and her family, with food, cards, and gifts. She was fiercely independent and hated to ask for help but did when necessary and was deeply grateful. Alisa was blessed with many friends who speak of her as loyal, brave, courageous,

generous, and most importantly exemplifying kindness. She was highly regarded as a teacher and her students and colleagues adored her. But above all else, Alisa's greatest joy in life was being a wife to Cory and mother to her four beautiful children.

Private services for family and close friends will be held at Manteno United Methodist Church on Friday, November 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. A Celebration of her Life event will be held at a later date for the public to attend and pay their respects. In lieu of flowers, memorials for the education of her children may be made to the "Alisa Blanchette Family Trust" in care of Homestar Bank at 303 Section Line Road, Manteno, IL 60950.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Manteno United Methodist Church
255 W. Second Street
Manteno, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Alisa and I met at the Stroller Fit class I taught. It was a great group of new moms who got connected and became friends. Through the years we would scrapbook and take the kids on outings together. Through everything, Alisa always had a positive attitude and always put everyone else's needs before her own. She always found time to make life fun and adventurous for her kids. I am so glad God bought us together. Your life will forever be a legacy for many.*

Jennifer Benoit Yeates - November 18, 2017 at 12:08 PM

DL

“ *Doug Lindsay lit a candle in memory of Alisa K. Blanchette*



Doug Lindsay - November 18, 2017 at 09:47 AM

MJ

“Cory and Alisa moved next door to us when their son Luke was three years old. We immediately fell in love with Luke, Addison, and Brooke. When Kindle came along, she was a little Blanche angel too. This was the nicest, most friendly and happy family we have ever been blessed to have as neighbors. Alisa was simply a wonderful human being. She was so thoughtful, generous, and kind. She brought the children over to see us when I had surgeries, and they often sent over cookies or treats throughout the years they were our wonderful neighbors. She will be SO missed. She was brave and positive always. To Luke, Addison, Brooke, and Kindle, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson will miss you and would like to stay in contact with our little friends. To the kind people who will continue to raise Alisa and Cory's wonderful children, you are angels on earth and God will bless you abundantly. Goodbye, Alisa. You will be greatly missed here, but oh, the Joy of being with your beloved Cory once again. You both have left a great legacy behind.

Mary & Ed Jackson - November 17, 2017 at 03:03 PM

KW

“Alisa was such a good, kind person. She instilled those qualities in her children and her students. She had such strength. We can be assured that her love and God's love will help her family and her family of friends to raise her children with love, kindness, and happiness.

Ken and Barbara Wenzel

Ken & Barbara Wenzel - November 17, 2017 at 11:43 AM

AW

“ Alice Wasson lit a candle in memory of Alisa K. Blanchette



Alice Wasson - November 17, 2017 at 11:31 AM

DN

“ Alisa was the most kindness and gentle person who poured her heart and soul into being a loving wife and mother. We were truly blessed to have known her. She has been called home much to early, however I take comfort in knowing she and Cory will be together again and watch over their beautiful children.



Daniel and Glenda Nally - November 17, 2017 at 08:30 AM

NM

“ She was a wonderful person and a friend to everyone who knew her. And a lovely mother to her four children. She will be missed. She is know with our heavenly father and her love Cory. And they are watching over there children.

Nancy Gagnon (Ann Blanchette mother) - November 17, 2017 at 12:32 AM

MA

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to the entire Blanchette family.

Matthew Smarjesse and Jihye Lee

mat - November 16, 2017 at 03:45 PM



“ You will be greatly missed and loved. May you be in peace and comfort. Love always,
The "Franc" family



Gretchen Dietz Franc-Cox - November 16, 2017 at 02:58 PM

Jen
Jett-
Yarno

“ Jen Jett-Yarno lit a candle in memory of Alisa
K. Blanchette



Jen Jett-Yarno - November 16, 2017 at 02:08 PM

CD

“ Our deepest sympathy to Alisa's family. Your will be in our thoughts
and prayers.
Richard and Carol David

carol david - November 16, 2017 at 02:08 PM

KM

“ I first really met Alisa when we were the room Moms for our boys Halloween party in first grade. This was the day before they lost Cory. If I remember correctly, she had just found out that her cancer was in remission. She had such a great smile and positive personality, I thought to myself "what a wonderful person!" I feel so blessed that I got to know her and that our sons are still friends! The picture you see here is pure Alisa, no matter how she felt she had a huge smile and a loving persona! She will be missed by her friends, family and community! God sure got himself a lovely ANGEL! Enjoy your wings Alisa and your reunion with Cory!

Kim McCormick - November 16, 2017 at 02:05 PM

MW

“ I am deeply saddened by the passing of Alisa. I hope that she and Cory are reunited in heaven now. Alisa was such a positive, radiant person whose smile and gentle spirit was always a pleasure to be around. Sending loving thoughts to her precious children and her family right now. I brought a gift card inside a card to the home on Tues. Please use it when ready.



Monica Wilhelm - November 16, 2017 at 12:09 PM

DD

“ Sending Thoughts and 🙏🙏 to the Children and the rest of the family.



Denise Delaney - November 16, 2017 at 06:17 AM

CC

“ *Christy Coover lit a candle in memory of Alisa K. Blanchette*



Christy Coover - November 16, 2017 at 05:49 AM



“ *Alyssa Bell lit a candle in memory of Alisa K. Blanchette*



Alyssa Bell - November 16, 2017 at 12:53 AM

JF

“ *Jay Flahive lit a candle in memory of Alisa K. Blanchette*



Jay Flahive - November 15, 2017 at 11:45 PM

KL

“ *My son had the honor to have Mrs. Blanchette as his teacher. She was one of the few who is beautiful both inside and out. Praying for her children and the rest of her family.*



Kathleen Lund - November 15, 2017 at 10:09 PM

SC

“ Loving, kind, always smiling, dedicated parent, friend, relative and truly a mother of the year. Her radiant positivity will be treasured for decades to come. Blessings, thoughts and strength to her amazing children and family.



Scott and Kimberly Couch - November 15, 2017 at 09:41 PM

IY

“ Mrs. Blanchette was my favorite teacher. She will be missed.
Ian

Ian Yeates - November 15, 2017 at 07:37 PM

CE

“ Carol Eakins lit a candle in memory of Alisa K. Blanchette



carol eakins - November 15, 2017 at 07:17 PM

JL

“ Wonderful teacher. My son Ryan Lambert had her as a teacher in Chebanse he always said she was one of his favorites. He now is a teacher himself and I know for sure he uses some of the same teachness he learn from Ms Kelly. 😊

julie Lambert - November 15, 2017 at 05:43 PM

BH

“ *Bryan & Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory of Alisa K. Blanchette*




Bryan & Joelene Hays - November 15, 2017 at 05:25 PM

CS

Alisa was a sweet lady, wonderful mom and wife. May God watch over Cory's and Alisa's children. May God truly bless her family and friends in caring for their 4 children.

Cindy Simmons - November 28, 2017 at 11:48 AM

 Nick Stabler

My wife and I both knew Alisa at Millikin, and worked with her at the Kirkland Fine Arts Center box office. She was always such a positive and cheerful person. We are so very sorry for your loss.

Nick Stabler - December 15, 2017 at 02:36 PM