



## Payson Groff

March 8, 2011 - April 28, 2026

Payson Groff, age 15 of Kankakee, passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at her home. She was born on March 8, 2011 in Kankakee, the daughter of Jayson Groff and Abigail (Weaver) Schade.

Payson was a student at Herscher High School. Her future plan was to attend Northwestern University and become a lawyer.

Payson loved being the oldest sibling. She liked art, drawing, playing softball and participating in track. One of her favorite pastimes was playing Fortnite. Payson was a collector of monster high dolls. She created a TikTok cooking show with her best friend Natalie. The show was called "Cooking with Good Looking". She loved trying new foods.

Payson enjoyed being outdoors and watching fireworks. Her favorite place to visit was Panama City Beach.

Payson loved planning her life and her future.

Payson was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Bourbonnais. She was a devoted follower of Jesus.

Surviving are Payson's parents, Jayson (Carrie) Groff of Kankakee, Abigail (Jeremy) Schade of Onarga; four sisters, Jessica, Harper, Kennedy, Eloise; four brothers, Ace, Kenneth, Walker, Briggs; paternal grandparents, Randy and Trisha Groff of Kankakee, Michael Power; maternal grandmother, Andrea Cooper of Kankakee; best friend, Natalie Abel; and all of her prayer warriors.

Payson is preceded in death by her great grandmother, Judy Arnold.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2026 at

Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. Additional visitation will be held at 9:00 a.m. until the time of the 10:00 a.m. service on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at Faith Baptist Church, Bourbonnais. Interment will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to Comer Children's Hospital's Child Life and Family Education program.

# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Visitation

MAY 5. 9:00 AM (CT)

Faith Baptist Church  
1280 Armour Road  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-9400  
<http://www.faith-bc.com/>

## Funeral Service

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MAY 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Faith Baptist Church  
1280 Armour Road  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-9400  
<http://www.faith-bc.com/>

# Tribute Wall

AN

“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family. May you stay strong and blessed, in these trying times.*

Anonymous - May 07 at 05:53 PM

DG

“ *I never met Payson; only caught glimpses of her at Faith Baptist Church. She caught my heart. Have read Jayson's words on FB. Praise the Lord she knew Jesus as Saviour. Will continue to pray for the family.*

Donna Griffin - April 30 at 01:22 PM



“ *"Sending You an Angel" Statue to Express Sympathy for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased for the family of Payson Groff.*

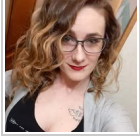


April 30 at 10:56 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Payson Groff.*

April 30 at 10:56 AM



“ Abby and Jeremy, there are no words to make it make sense. A parent should never have to bury a child, and I'm so sorry you have to carry that burden now. I may not know Abby or Payson personally but I have followed along throughout Payson's journey and have rooted and prayed for her every step of the way. Sending all the love and comforting vibes to the whole family at this unimaginable time.



Shelby Crawford - April 30 at 03:08 AM



“ I did not know Payson or her family. I came across the announcement on facebook and just wanted to offer my sincerest condolences to Miss Paysons family & friends on your loss ❤️👉❤️ It hardly seems fair, I can't imagine the grief they must be feeling 😭 Sending prayers for strength, comfort, and peace to all who knew her 🙏 May she RIP ❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️

Lisa - April 30 at 01:36 AM



“ Wrapped in the arms of angels, forever loved and forever missed. Rest in peace sweet Payson.

Shari Trubach - April 29 at 09:38 PM



“ Mariah Brown lit a candle in memory of Payson Groff



Mariah Brown - April 29 at 08:52 PM

JD

“ Payson is my greate niece, didn't see much of the family but we still new we had her. Her Greate Grandma Weaver would be so proud of her fight and welcomed her with open arms. RIP Payson Love Aunt Jackie



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**Jackie Dean** - April 29 at 07:21 PM

GI

“ Payson I love you so much and i miss you already. I remember my first time meeting you in the hospital and we had to talk through the glass because i was in isolation for transplant. when i had my complications you got so scared and my mom had to text you. We laughed about it after. we played roblox together and would call and talk about the mean girls who thought that cancer made us any different from them. we would laugh about how they are dumb to think that we are any less than them because we hit a stone in our path. i miss you and will love you forever. my twin forever. i love you more than words can describe payson. forever.

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**gianna** - April 29 at 06:20 PM

JM

“ Payson, you were one of my favorite patients to take care of. I'll miss you, your sense of humor, stories, and all your shopping hauls. Sending so much love and prayers to you and your family.

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**Jenine Matariyeh** - April 29 at 06:04 PM

HJ

“ Oh Payson, you will be so dearly missed. Thank you for being one of my favorite patients, letting me take care of you and for all the sass. Sending condolences to your family ❤️

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**Hanna Jones** - April 29 at 05:27 PM

AS

“ I didn't know this young lady but I'm from Kankakee I graduated from there and it's just heartbroken that my old community is dealing with this my condolences to the family and r.i.h baby girl



Ashley - April 29 at 04:40 PM



“ My condolences, My daughter Lily grew up with her and and were good friends, your family is in my thoughts and prayers



Jessica McCormick - April 29 at 02:11 PM

VB

“ Valerie Burrow lit a candle in memory of Payson Groff



Valerie Burrow - April 29 at 11:27 AM