



Katie Verrette

January 16, 1985 - February 15, 2025

Katie Verrette, born in Milwaukee, WI on January 16, 1985 to Donald and Paula Verrette, passed away peacefully on February 15, 2025 in Barrington, IL, after an unexpected and brief battle with primary peritoneal cancer.

Katie was a bright and creative individual who graduated from Fremd High School in Palatine, IL in 2003, and then graduated from the Illinois Institute of Art in 2006 with a degree in graphic design. She enjoyed basketball, soccer, and softball and her love for the arts was a defining feature of her life. She had a passion for painting, tattoo design, and diamond art, expressing her creativity with a unique, vibrant touch in her artwork. She used her talents for many years as the graphic designer and Marketing Chair on the Board of Directors for Music On Stage (MOS), a community theatre group in Palatine.

Katie worked most of her life in retail customer service and sales. Most of her DVD collection came from store liquidation sales when she worked for Blockbuster. In the 10 years she worked at Old Navy, she rose from a sales associate to Product and Marketing Specialist and then Merchandising Manager. In 2022, she landed a job with Aircraft Propeller Service in Lake Zurich, IL as the Marketing Coordinator & Product Manager.

Katie loved spending time with friends, whether it was out for a night of fun, playing bingo, or belting out her favorite tunes at karaoke. She also found joy

in being part of a local garden club. Katie had an infectious spirit that touched the hearts of all who knew her.

Katie is preceded in death by her mother, Paula Verrette; her grandparents, Mary and Edward Verrette, and Shirley and Frank Lownds; as well as her Aunt Mary Julie, Aunt Donna, Uncle Mark, Uncle Pat, Uncle Mike, and Aunt Joanne. She is survived by her father Donald Verrette; sister Laurie Verrette Taylor; brother-in-law Andrew Taylor; niece Hayley Taylor; and numerous extended family members and friends who will miss her deeply.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the family and friends that stayed at her side in the final weeks, and especially Aunt Marianne and Katie's closest friend, Chris Entwhistle, for their unwavering support, love, and care during Katie's final months. Their devotion made her last moments peaceful and surrounded by love.

Katie will always be remembered for her creativity, colorful hairstyles, tattoos, and the joy she brought to those around her. So long and thanks for all the fish. She never found her purse. She will be deeply missed.

In memory of Katie, donations may be made to the Human Rights Campaign (www.HRC.org) or Music On Stage (www.musiconstage.org), organizations that reflect Katie's values and passions.

A Celebration of Life is being held privately.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care 773-370-2959 or www.inclusivefuneralcare.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *The amount of shock when I found out about Katie's passing was nothing short of disbelief. Though we definitely had our ups and downs, I never forgot the amount of joy she brought to my life, she taught me so much in our time of friendship, she had a smile that was contagious and a hug that could literally make any problem disappear. I will forever miss her may she rest in peace.* ”



Alex - March 10, 2025 at 11:56 PM

SS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Katie's family during this difficult time. She was such an amazing person and friend. I am going to miss her so much. Katie, I love you. I'll always cherish the many many memories we made. Love, the Spista* ”



Sarah Spista - February 18, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ *Don ,Laurie and family so very sorry for the loss of Katie. I am so honored and proud to have been her friend . This world has lost a brave, beautiful and talented soul. Katie Belle will be missed so very much. Her bright smile and laughter will live on forever in my mind. My heart goes out to you all. Love, Kathy* ”



Kathy Roger - February 18, 2025 at 07:28 AM

DK

Don and family. So sorry for your loss. Take care of yourself and your family. Dan Kennedy

Dan Kennedy - February 18, 2025 at 06:32 PM

LK

Don Verrette and family, I read in disbelief that your beloved Katie was now with the Lord. When I worked with you years ago, you always talked about your daughters with such pride. Now you have an angel looking out for you. So sorry for your loss.

Lillian Kochanski - retiree from EGV Park District

Lillian Kochanski - March 12, 2025 at 06:09 PM