



Lucia Collison

July 28, 1962 - February 8, 2020

Lucia Lisa Collison, 57 of West Des Moines and formerly of Carroll, died Saturday, February 8, 2020 at her home in West Des Moines following a brief illness.

Burial will take place at a later date in St. John's Cemetery in Arcadia. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll.

Lucia was born on July 28, 1962 in Carroll, Iowa the daughter of David Collison and Diane Wittrock. She had a wonderful childhood with her five brothers, growing up on one of the family farms, which was originally owned by her great-uncle, Frank Collison. She attended Kuemper Catholic High School, playing violin in the Kuemper Orchestra and as a cheerleader alongside friends she remained close with right up until the time of her passing. Lucia graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Journalism, which she used in her career in administration companies and nonprofit agencies in Des Moines. During this time, she volunteered for local arts organizations as well as the Animal Rescue League of Iowa, one of the great joys of her life. Lucia was deeply spiritual, being actively involved in Valley Evangelical Free Church, West Des Moines, as well as her AA groups, which comprised some of her core friendships. Lucia truly lived life with a cheerful and generous heart. She was loved and endeared by family and a diverse range of friends.

Lucia is survived by her father, David of Carroll, her mother, Diane, of Pasadena CA, and five brothers: Dr. Christopher Collison (Mary), Morton, IL, Charles, Silverthorne, CO, Nicholas (Melissa), Frederick, CO, Paul (Isabel) Barcelona and Madrid, Spain and Michael (Dawn), Agoura Hills, CA, her friend and former spouse, Bill McPhedran, her extended family of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins. Lucia's immediate family & friends will have a private gathering this weekend to celebrate her life. Lucia's family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in her honor to The American Cancer Society/Des Moines Chapter, 1717 Ingersoll Avenue, Ste 111, Des Moines, IA, 50309 or the Animal Rescue League of Iowa, 5452 N.E. 22nd St., Des Moines, IA, 50313. As Lucia's family, we wish to express our profound gratitude to the ACS/Des Moines Chapter, the John Stoddard Cancer Center staff and volunteers, and her mentoring program at Valley Evangelical Free Church for your kindness, friendship and service.

May the nourishment of the earth be yours, may the clarity of light be yours, may the fluency of the oceans be yours, may the protection of the ancestors be yours. And so may a slow wind work these words of love around you, an invisible cloak to mind your life. ~ John O'Donohue

Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Lucia Collison.



February 18, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ Dear Diane & David, Our love & prayers go out to you, Lucia & your families. Our daughter Mary Beth graduated a year ahead of Lucia from Kuemper & remembers Lucia as a wonderful young lady. God has given you many years of great memories, may those many happy times comfort you until you meet again in heaven.

Love, Cathy & Mike Arts

Mike Arts - February 13, 2020 at 09:53 PM



Thank you, dear Mike and Cathy. Lucia told me that your Mary Beth has a daughter in the NE State Legislature. How proud you must be! Thank you for your kind message. Best, Diane

Diane Collison - February 18, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ Lucia and my Aunt Glorianne were friends. When we would visit Carroll, she was so kind and pretty. We wanted to be like her and my aunt. She wrote me letters and that made a little girl feel very special. She was clearly loved and dear to all because of her kind spirit. Bless you.

Melanie - February 13, 2020 at 12:11 PM

AG

“ May Lucia rest in peace; to Dave, Diane, and all Lucia's family and friends, comfort and peace. My sister Nora and I recall babysitting for Lucia and her siblings at the farm. By reading her obituary and comments, I gain a sense of the lovely woman she became. Love is strong as death.

*Ann O'Leary Grossman
Melbourne, Australia*

Ann Grossman - February 12, 2020 at 05:45 PM

SH

“ Lucia was always so fun to be around in high school! She would light up a room, now her light will shine bright forever. My sympathy to her family~

Sandy Tigges Harman

Sandy Harman - February 12, 2020 at 03:37 PM

RW

“ Lucia was one of my first students as a new teacher. She was a sophomore in high school when I started teaching, and a gifted violinist. We had several beautiful one on one conversations, and I very much respected her. I champion what her mission was, and see that she dedicated much time to the Animal Rescue League, a cause of my own. She is gone too soon from this earth, and pray that she finds peace with the Lord in Heaven. God Bless her family.
Love, Rebecca Windschitl

Rebecca Witte-Windschitl - February 12, 2020 at 02:17 PM

SW

“ Lucia was such a wonderfully strong person who overcame enormous challenges in life. I will always remember her for that. The world has lost a warm and kind soul. Rest in Peace. Scott Wittrock

Scott Wittrock - February 12, 2020 at 01:54 PM

MP

“ Gone far too soon!
Your soul is now without pain and at peace, Lucia. I will continue to think of you often in this life. The strong, kind and compassionate woman you always displayed, even in times of great physical pain, shall provide me with strength for my own life.
Rest In Peace, my dear friend.
Love,
Cathy (Carruthers) Moninger

Moninger Catherine P - February 12, 2020 at 10:14 AM

LA

“ I am so sad to lose my dear friend. We got reconnected 3 years ago, and enjoyed many long walks and talks. Our first walk we got so caught up in catching up that we got lost. Lucia and I laughed about this often.

I was not expecting this at all.....we planned to do dinner again soon. She was so strong. She was a fighter. I know she never gave up on the good fight. I guess God just needed her moreso He has her now. Cancer did not win; Jesus did. She is dancing on streets of gold, in the light of our Lord and Savior.

We will all miss you Lucia. An amazing, beautiful, kind and gentle spirit who loved everyone. We know where you are....and We will see you again. Be ready for a long was walk girl... Love you.....Lisa

Lisa Anderdon - February 11, 2020 at 08:40 PM

SW

“ *My sympathy to Lucia’s family. Lucia was a beautiful, and kind little girl when I babysat her as a child. Prayers for her family. Sara Heinrichs*

Sara Heinrichs witttry - February 11, 2020 at 08:06 PM

DC

“ *Farewell but not forever, beloved daughter, be brave and patient on thy bed of sorrow; swiftly shall pass the night of trial here, and I will come and wake thee on the morrow.*
(excerpt, John Henry Newman)

I love and cherish our beautiful memories, sweetheart, many of them experienced through your beautiful, beloved friends from your high school/KHS, church and AA ~ all of whom were an extension of you ~comprising a seamless quilt. In our grieving, we, your family, relinquish you to the angels.
Mother

Diane Collison - February 11, 2020 at 02:19 PM

TK

“ *My sincere sympathies. I worked with Lucia on a number of occasions. Conversation was always pleasant, well received and a pleasure. Her presence and up-beat spirit will be missed. May this difficult time be overshadowed by the bright personality Lucia represented.*

Todd Krajewski - February 11, 2020 at 12:27 PM

JF

“ *Lucia was a joy to work with. Her great work ethic and cheerful greeting will be missed.*

James Fickbohm - February 10, 2020 at 05:58 PM



“ *Kathy Daeges Christensen*
I have so many sweet memories of Lucia and her wonderful, kind, generous heart. Her beautiful spirit touched everyone in my family-- including my three daughters. I will miss her dearly, but I know she is in God's loving arms. Prayers for her family and all who knew, loved, and were inspired by her.

Kathy Christensen - February 10, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ *To Lucia's Family: So very sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of working with and getting to know Lucia over the past many months. Lucia was very dedicated, and a joy to be around. She will be missed.*

Cindy Smith - February 10, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ *My family and I were very blessed to have Lucia as a friend. She was an amazingly caring and brilliant person. We love her dearly and will miss her so much.*
Rebecca Jane Ervin

Rebecca Jane Ervin - February 10, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ *Lucia inspires all of us with her strength. She will always be in my heart as the picture of grace! God gained a beautiful angel. We will miss you!*

Lisa Schwery Kanne - February 10, 2020 at 09:53 AM

JF

“ I miss my good friend, Lucia. She had an enormous giving spirit. I remember her playing first chair violin in the orchestra and she was fantastic. So many other great memories too. Her light will be missed here but will shine bright in heaven.

Jane Brenny Forbes - February 10, 2020 at 09:47 AM

LP

“ I remember the day you were born, dear niece. And you were our maid of honor in our wedding 40 yrs ago. Sweet dreams and eternal peace.

Lucia & Larry Patzelt (Lucia Wittrock)

Lucia Beth Patzelt - February 10, 2020 at 09:31 AM

KI

“ I'm so sorry for your loss! Lucia was an amazing woman.

KimBauman - February 09, 2020 at 09:47 PM