



## Rachel Nicole Boeker

June 3, 1981 - July 15, 2023

It is with great sadness we have lost our loved one, Rachel Nicole Boeker. She passed away Saturday evening, July 15, 2023, at Springfield Memorial Hospital after a 4-month battle with cancer. She was determined to fight cancer and come out a winner and we thought she had.

Rachel was born June 3, 1981, to Barry Boeker (Carol) and Debbie Boeker (Tom Owen). She is survived by her parents; and sister, Krista Boeker (lovingly known as Sis); stepsister, Michelle (Matt) McNeal; her life partner, Jimmy Lenhart; aunts, Cheri and Kathy (Lois Adams) Olesen; uncles, Bruce (Denise) Boeker, Brian (Kim) Boeker and Peter (Judy) Olesen; cousins, Jenna, Brandon, Jake and Bradley Boeker, and Stowe (Alexis) Olesen; and many friends.

In the last 20 years, Rachel worked as a caregiver. She was a St. Louis Cardinals fan which she learned at an early age from her dad and loved going to games with him and her friends. She grew up in Tallula where she and her sister had many adventures and fun living next door to her cousins Jenna and Brandon. Growing up she was affectionately called “Rach” or “Rachie” and at times still is. She attended Tallula Grade School through the 4th grade and graduated from PORTA High School.

Rachel’s family would like to thank everyone for the prayers and love shown to

her during this time. We are comforted in knowing that Rachel is with her Nanny and Pa in Heaven.

A visitation will be held at the Athens Christian Church in Athens, Illinois, on Thursday, July 20, 2023, from 9 am to 11 am. A funeral service will immediately follow at 11 am with Pastor Ken Gennicks officiating. Burial will follow the service at Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg, Illinois.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or to a charity that the donor chooses.

Please visit Rachel's online obituary at [hurleyfh.com](http://hurleyfh.com) to leave condolences and share memories with her family. Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting her family with final arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 20. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Athens Christian Church  
1411 W State Route 29  
Athens, IL 62613

## Funeral Service

JUL 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

Athens Christian Church  
1411 W State Route 29  
Athens, IL 62613

## Burial

JUL 20 (CT)

Rose Hill Cemetery  
Petersburg, IL 62675

# Tribute Wall



“ *Debbie, Barry and families-I am so saddened to read this tonight.  
May her memory be a blessing.*

Jane Feagans-King - October 19, 2023 at 12:57 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of her passing....she was a classmate :(*  
  
*Prayers to the family.*

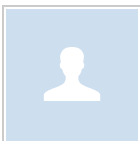
Joshua Bertram - August 11, 2023 at 12:17 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Rachel Nicole Boeker.*



July 19, 2023 at 05:58 PM



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

July 19, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ *Debbie & Olesen Families:*

*So sorry to hear of the passing of your family member. May you find  
comfort in knowing that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Mary Jo Morlee - July 19, 2023 at 04:49 PM

LS

“ Love the Sterbinsky's purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Rachel Nicole Boeker.



Love the Sterbinsky's - July 19, 2023 at 10:05 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Rachel Nicole Boeker.



July 19, 2023 at 12:15 AM

BH

“ Debbie, Krista, & Family...We are so very sorry to hear of Rachel's passing. We are hoping that memories of a life well-lived soon bring smiles to replace the sadness & tears you feel now. May peace come to your hearts...You all are in our thoughts...

Becky & Barb

Becky Hays - July 19, 2023 at 12:07 AM

KP

“ Dear Barry, Carol, Krista, Debbie and the rest of the family,  
We send our heartfelt sympathy to you all with the loss of your loved one. Altho I didn't know her well, she always greeted me at the post office with a big smile. I know how much she will be missed, but the wonderful memories will be with you always.  
Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Karen and Les Pope

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**Karen and Les Pope** - July 18, 2023 at 07:38 PM

RS

“ I am so sorry to hear such sad news. I feel like we all kind of grew up together in Tallula, especially with all the Boeker kids down the street. Prayers for comfort and strength at this time for all of you. -  
Rebecca Swigert-Fenton & family.

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**Rebecca Swigert-Fenton** - July 18, 2023 at 02:43 PM

LE

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. May God give you strength during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love, Lucy and David Earhart

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**Lucy Earhart** - July 18, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rachel Nicole Boeker.



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July 18, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rachel Nicole Boeker.*



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July 18, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rachel Nicole Boeker.

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July 18, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ *Dan Chris Wilson lit a candle in memory of Rachel Boeker*



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**Dan and Chris Wilson** - July 18, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Barry, Debbie, Krista and family. We are so very saddened to hear of Rachel's passing. We remeber well watching her grow up across the street. May your precious memories bring you comfort. Thoughts and prayers for all of you!!*

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**Cliff and Clara Klauzer** - July 18, 2023 at 09:02 AM

LH

“ Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Rachel Boeker



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Larry and Mary Hundt - July 18, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rachel Nicole Boeker.



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July 18, 2023 at 07:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rachel Nicole Boeker.

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rachel Nicole Boeker.



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July 18, 2023 at 07:17 AM