



Sarra Elisabeth Abbott

February 19, 1975 - February 12, 2020

Oskaloosa. Sarra Abbott, 44, of Oskaloosa died Tuesday, February 12, 2020, at MHP Hospital in Oskaloosa. She was born February 19, 1975, in Nurnberg, Germany, the daughter of Gregory Gene and Nancy (Cogdill) Abbott. Sarra graduated from the Hopkins High School in Minnesota. She later attended William Penn University and was a member of the large group and chamber choir. Early on in her life she worked in childcare from 1998 until 2003. She moved to Oskaloosa in 2002 and stayed at home to care for her children until continuing her education at William Penn University. She was a work study in the Maintenance Department until going to work there full time in 2007. From 2007 until 2014 she worked at William Penn as an Administration Assistant in the Maintenance Department.

Sarra volunteered at the Army National Guard in helping with children of deployed soldiers and a member of the boy scouts and girl scouts. She was very active in the Mahaska County Soccer Club. Sarra was a gifted seamstress and enjoyed sewing and knitting. She loved puzzles and games, arts, crafts and teaching people. She was a talented artist with any creative outlet. She also enjoyed puzzles and games.

Her family includes her common law husband of 18 years, Christopher Hodgkins of Oskaloosa; her children, Geneva Abbott of Orlando, Florida, Phoenix Taylor, Arawn Hodgkins, Gwydleon Hodgkins, Anna Hodgkins, and Braeden Hodgkins all of Oskaloosa; her mother, Nancy Cogdill of Des Moines; a brother, Aaron Abbott of Minneapolis, MN; and per paternal grandmother, Betty Abbott-Crumes of Ottumwa. She is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and nieces.

Sarra is preceded in death by her father, Gregory Gene Abbott and her paternal grandfather, and maternal grandparents.

As was Sarra's wish, she was a donor and she her gift will help many people, at her wish her body has been cremated. A celebration of life ceremony will be held at a later date.

The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Comments



“ Sarra had a heart of gold. Worked with Sarra at William Penn and she would do anything for you. Very competent on the computer and was a volunteer in many orgs. She loved her children. husband , and family and my heartfelt sympathy goes out to them.

Gary Twedt - February 19 at 12:39 PM



“ I was so very sorry to hear about Sarra's death. She was an art student of mine, and was very talented, creative and an excellent seamstress for the theater department. I send my condolences to her entire family at this very sad time.

Victoria Laird

Victoria Laird - February 18 at 02:55 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of the loss of Sarra Elisabeth Abbott. I worked with Sarra in the WPU maintenance department and I know she made a positive impact on the successful operation of the department and the University. Her passion, encouragement and kindness will be missed by everyone fortunate enough to have met her.

Milt Campbell

Milt Campbell - February 13 at 09:53 PM



“ Sarra was an exemplary student of mine in the Theatre Department at William Penn University. She was a creative and accomplished seamstress who helped out with many costumes for several of the mainstage productions, as well as many student productions. She and her husband, Chris, were very active in many areas of the Fine Arts Department. She often brought her children to hang out with the students during play productions and rehearsals. They were always such a joy to have around! She was as kind and generous a soul as there ever could be. Her light may have gone out way too early, but her spirit will always remain a vital part of William Penn University. We love and will forever miss you, Sarra. The world is forever changed.

T. Scott Steel, fmr. Director of Theatre, WPU

Scott Steel - February 12 at 07:20 PM