

Remembering Jennifer Kay

Jennifer Kay Sharkey passed away on Oct 26, 2022, at 3:11 PM, in the intensive care unit at St Vincent hospital in Billings, MT.

Jennifer Kay was born October 25, 1980 at the Campbell County Hospital in Gillette, WY to Gary and Sherry Lee (Lang) Sharkey. She was baptized at St Matthews Catholic Church in Gillette. She attended school at Conestoga Elementary. Her athletic career began in the 3rd grade as a Conestoga Piston with Jeff Bauchman and her father, Gary Sharkey as the coaches. The pistons were undefeated in basketball her 5th and 6th grade years. During the summer months she spent time and helped at the family ranch west of Custer. She became an avid ranch worker helping her mother and brother, Nicholas Gary Sharkey who was three years younger. They would fence, run equipment & work with cattle and horses. Jennifer Kay's horse, Sox, was a registered AQHA horse and was the passion of her life. She and Sox (register of Merit) participated in halter, western pleasure, and trail which they won multiple awards for. She continued playing basketball and began volleyball at Sage Valley Junior High. Her freshman year at Campbell County High School she started on the varsity volleyball team that was ranked 4th in the nation. The summer between her freshman and sophomore year she injured her knee and struggled through multiple knee surgeries.

After high school she attended Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. She graduated in 4 years with honors. She went on to receive her masters degree at CSU in counseling while making the Deans List. While attending CSU she was employed at the swimming pool and weight room working with many of the athletes.

On June 19, 2004 Jennifer Kay was married to Scott Michael Hackley at the Cathedral of Our Lady Of Perpetual Help in Rapid City, SD. A daughter was born to this union on Sept 4, 2006. Kaylee Mae Hackley instantly became the love of their lives. Throughout their married years they lived in Greeley, CO and Hays, KS where Jennifer Kay worked for Head Start. They spent many weekends and holidays at the ranch in Custer with family.

Jennifer Kay's mother, Sherry Lee, suffered a brain aneurysm in 2008 and Jennifer Kay became her caregiver and advocate for 4 years. Jennifer Kay resumed her counseling career in Billings, MT in 2016 where she worked for the Billings School District until the time of her death. Jennifer Kay spent her free time doing what she loved - spending time at the ranch in Custer with her family. In the summers she enjoyed working with kids at the Hope Ranch outside of Billings.

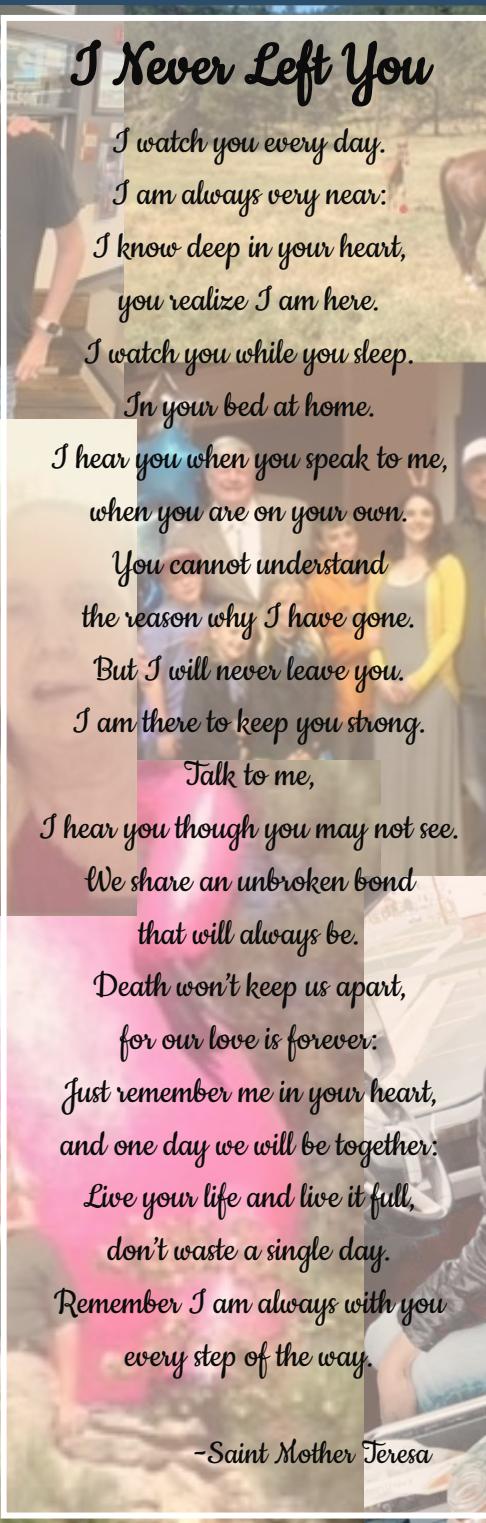
Although Jennifer Kay's life was brief on this planet before God called her home, she approached every day with purpose to serve her family, friends and students. Jennifer Kay was a winner her entire life and a tremendous leader never asking anyone in her life to do something she wouldn't do herself.

Jennifer Kay is preceded in death by her mother, Sherry Lee Sharkey, her maternal grandparents, Cliff and Shirley Lang and paternal grandparents, Michael and Helen Sharkey.

Jennifer Kay is survived by her daughter, Kaylee Mae Hackley, her father Gary Sharkey, her brother Nicholas Sharkey, nephews Alec and Dominick Sharkey, niece Jaselyn Sharkey and sister in law Jacklyn Sharkey as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Arrangements have been placed under the local direction of
Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home
Custer, South Dakota





MAY THE SOUL OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

Jennifer Kay Sharkey

REST IN PEACE

October 25, 1980
Gillette, Wyoming

October 26, 2022
Billings, Montana

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL VIGIL
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, 2022
St. John The Baptist Catholic Church, Custer, South Dakota

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL MASS
11:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 2, 2022
St. John The Baptist Catholic Church, Custer, South Dakota

CELEBRANT
Father Collins Igwilo

SPECIAL MUSIC
St. John The Baptist Music Ministry

PALLBEARERS
Mandy Reynolds, Michelle Sharkey, Danny Kukef
Kelly Stone, Cassidy Lang, Scott Baysinger

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL COMMITTAL
Custer Cemetery, Custer, South Dakota

LUNCHEON
St. John The Baptist Catholic Church Fellowship Hall
after Jennifer Kay's Committal Service

