



Erika Joy Gargan

February 27, 2024

Erika Joy Gargan (October 17, 1987-February 27, 2024), 36, of Schuyler Lake, NY was grasped by the loving arms of Jesus on February 27, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, love, joy, and peace.

Erika was first and foremost a child of God and a great mother to her two beautiful daughters, Madeline Mead (13) and Dylan Mead (11). She is survived by her parents, Ed and Doris Gargan,

her grandmother, Margret Dill, her brothers, Brian and Thomas Gargan, her nephews and niece,

Quentin, Greyson, and Elizabeth Gargan, her aunts and uncles: Sharon Rysanek (Daniel), Ruth

Gargan-Klinger (Ronald), Colleen Kohlen (Ted), Werner Dill (Diane), Kathleen Plescia (John),

Helmut Dill (Valerie), Mary Viviani (James), James Gargan (Aristea), and Christine Casiano

(Raymond), her cousins: Kristine Tisdale (Luigi Paranello), Jeffrey Rysanek (Suzanne), Adam

Tisdale (Rebekah), Heather DeClemente (Steve), Teddy Kohlen (Dervla), Priscilla Kasenchak

(Peter), Aaron Tisdale (Courtney), Joseph Rysanek (Jade), Michael Plescia,

Sarah Klinger,
Jessica Klinger, Colette Lorenz (Kevin), Joshua Klinger, Ashley Casiano, Karl
Dill, Chase
Viviani, Makayla Viviani, Andrew Gargan, Ryan Gargan, and Christian
Casiano, her many
cousin's children, and her 'sista-in-law' Christie Brown. She was predeceased
by her paternal
grandparents, James and Dolores Gargan, her maternal grandfather, Arthur
Dill, her cousin
Jonathan Plescia, and close family friend, Kathy Funfgeld.
Erika excelled in her career as a Licensed Massage Therapist and continued
her education in
Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine but wasn't able to finish that path due to
COVID. She was
very interested in resuming that course recently. Many of her clients stated,
'Erika gives the best
massages.' Her dream, after her daughters were 18, was to open her own
wellness center and
especially freely support and care for new mothers who were going through
ANY postnatal
issues.
More than that, Erika was pure joy to be around. She was a light in the lives of
all who knew her.
Her bright smile, kind heart, and her ability to illuminate any room were her
defining traits. She
loved sharing 'adventures' with her girls, family, and friends, bringing joy and
laughter into their
lives. You can't help but smile when you picture Erika in your mind. Her middle
name, 'Joy,'
was how she truly lived her life, joy-filled. Erika will be remembered as a
bright, kind-hearted

individual who made a lasting impact on everyone she met. Her memory will be cherished forever by those who had the privilege of knowing her.

A service to celebrate Erika's life will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 12:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, located at 40 West Nicholai Street, Hicksville, NY. Family and friends are invited to speak briefly and share a memory if they so choose.

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98018493567?pwd=MUpheWQ4V3A2NUJzK2tja0tKUjBSZz09>

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Following the service, her family invites all attendees to join them in the multi-purpose room at Trinity for a Love Feast reception.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Mental Health America

(MHA), in Erika's memory, so they may further awareness of any and all issues related to mental health.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 9. 12:30 PM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
40 West Nicholai Street
Hicksville, NY

Tribute Wall

MK

“ *Out deepest regret for for the loss of your daughter Erica and our sympathy goes out to your family at this time you will be in our prayers and our thoughts. Jim and MaryAnn Krupsky.*

mary Ann & Jim krupsky - March 09, 2024 at 10:56 PM

TR

“ *A deep, painful loss of a JOYous soul. Every person that has ever encountered Erika remembers her infectious smile and celebratory attitude towards life. Each of us will embrace the blissful nature she exuded to continue her light in this world.*



The Rubins - March 06, 2024 at 03:07 PM

SB

“ *I am so deeply sorry for your loss of Erika. She was such a special person whom I recently had the honor of calling my friend. I met her through her Massage practice and we hit it right off. Erika will be deeply missed by many.*

Sue Bronson - March 04, 2024 at 07:01 PM

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I first became friends with Erika on a church mission rebuilding trip in New Orleans. I had a crew of volunteers who were replacing sheetrock to houses. I showed them how to make cuts for outlets and cuts for angles. Erika came back to me a little later and was upset that people weren't doing the work the way I showed them. I explained that when people get the hang of rocking, they will do what works for them. My method wasn't law. She understood and said can I just work with you?. We worked together the rest of the day and she was really doing great. We had become friends. Not only do we share the same birthday, but became as she said "birthday buddies". After that we never missed wishing each other birthday wishes via text. I'm going to miss those texts and her smile. I'll never forget.

Richard Evans - March 06, 2024 at 03:34 PM