



Jennifer Rose Rush

April 16, 2022

We are very sorry to announce the untimely passing of Jennifer Rose Rush. Jenny was born in Steubenville, Ohio in October 1974 but spent most of her life in Wake County, North Carolina. She graduated Athens Drive High School in Raleigh in 1993 and later attended Peace College. She was forever interested in science and biology, in no small part due to a series of medical ailments that limited, but never defined, her life. Born with OSI (brittle bone disease), Jenny struggled to have the active lifestyle enjoyed by so many others, and the consequences of her trying included a lot of broken bones and pain. Despite this, she always managed to smile and always tried to maintain a positive outlook for others.

Jenny was brilliant and sharp-witted, those who grew up with her agreed she not only WOULD argue with a stop sign, she might be the only person who could win. She was emotionally attentive and very observant. Not very much got past her. She was also possessed of such sensitivity, kindness and desire to help others without thought of reward that she was a limitless example of all the best qualities so many of us struggle to find in ourselves.

Jenny was known for crafting, for videogaming, for collecting family photos and working tirelessly to document genealogy and keep living family members connected, and for volunteering to do stage makeup for countless high school drama productions. She's the only one of her generation who knew everyone

and where they fit in the big family picture. She also did Halloween makeup for almost a whole neighborhood of kids more than once and made so many kids happy with her efforts.

Jenny never had kids of her own, but in her way at some point she had almost everyone else's kids: she was a devoted babysitter, aunt, stand-in mom and parental figure to generations of beautiful and happy people, and they all know and remember her fondly many of them have expressed that some of the traits they like about themselves or want to have, they got from her.

Jenny was strong and beautiful and special and the sun does not seem to shine as brightly without her here.

Jenny is preceded in death by both her parents: Robert Rush Jr of Steubenville, Ohio and Marcia Rush of Raleigh NC. She is survived by her younger sister Renee, also of Raleigh, her younger brother Robert of Killeen TX, her partner Josh of Warwick RI, and the countless family members and friends she dearly loved. We will all miss her very much.

Tribute Wall



“ *such a sweet and loving young lady! I'm so proud to have been her Aunt. When she was a baby I pretended she was mine carrying her in stores and other places. She grew up as a care taker just like her mom. My children will always call her a sister and my grand children will always call her Aunt Jenny! We will ALWAYS AND FOREVER MISS YOU <3*

Maria Dunn - June 01, 2022 at 04:20 PM



“ *i have know Jenny, Renee and Robert since we was all three little kids. went to middle and high school with them and even college with Renee and like a second family to me and was there always when i need a friend to talk to bout anything . love you sis and miss u alot love your other brother christopher duncan chasak*

Christopher Duncan Black - April 26, 2022 at 04:44 AM



“ *Jenny was one of the first people I met when I first moved to NC as a freshman in High School. She welcomed me and became one of my absolute best friends and a sister-in-soul. Words cannot express how much she will be missed*

Victoria Jones - April 24, 2022 at 10:37 AM



“ *Carolyn Jane Bean lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Rose Rush*



Carolyn Jane Bean - April 23, 2022 at 03:37 PM

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“ I first met Jenny in the mid 90s, through her brother. She, and the entire Rush family, adopted all of us hungry, far from home college kids, but she always made sure we weren't hungry for long, oftentimes inviting us over for meals. She was always super giving, super friendly, and willing to tell us about Rob's exploits that he probably wishes were never told. She was a good friend, always willing to share what she had and willing to drop things to help others. The world is a bit duller today without her presence. As someone else said, God must have needed a new angel.

Brian George - April 23, 2022 at 09:35 AM

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“ Aunt Linda lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Rose Rush



Aunt Linda - April 22, 2022 at 10:09 PM