



Arica Noel Ahlvers

May 1, 1988 - February 9, 2017

Arica Noel Ahlvers, 28, Topeka, passed away Thursday, February 9, 2017.

Arica was born May 1, 1988, in Chanute, Kansas, the daughter of Todd and Beth Cooper Shepard. The family moved to the Rossville area when Arica was in second grade. She graduated from Rossville High School in 2006. Arica had a love for all sports and was a three time All-American in volleyball at Emporia State University. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business with an emphasis in Marketing and was an account manager for hibu.

Arica and Cole Michael Ahlvers were united in marriage on August 20, 2011, and are the proud parents of Collins Ray Ahlvers. Arica was a wonderful wife, daughter, sister, aunt and friend, but most of all a loving and devoted mother.

Arica loved life and wanted to have fun, but she also wanted everyone around her to have fun as well. It was always about the people around her. Arica was carefree and confident, had a heartfelt, contagious laugh and a beautiful smile made even more so when she looked at Collins.

Grateful to have shared Arica's life are her husband, Cole and daughter, Collins; her parents, Todd and Beth Shepard; twin sister, Ashley Spahn; brother, Justin Shepard; grandmother, Ada Bishop; father-in-law and mother-

in-law Keith and Patricia Ahlvers; Cole's grandparents, Dianne Ahlvers and Grant and Barbara Speaks; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Jamie, Whitney and Wade Ahlvers and Matthew Spahn; four adoring nieces; and many other family and friends. Arica was preceded in death by her grandparents, James and Marilyn Shepard, Floyd Bishop and Raymond Ahlvers.

There will be a Memorial Service for Arica at 11 a.m. Friday at Christ the King Church, 25th and Wanamaker. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Collins Ray Ahlvers Fund at any Capital City Bank in Topeka or Lawrence.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church
5973 SW 25th Street
Topeka, KS 66614

Tribute Wall



“ Arica Noel Ahlvers

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Bruce And Jocelyn Field lit a candle in memory of Arica Noel Ahlvers



Bruce and Jocelyn Field - February 17, 2017 at 08:54 AM



“ I met Arica when she came into my store to discuss advertising. She was a beauty young lady with a charming personality and a huge smile. I always looked forward to her visits. Please accept my sincere sympathy.

Diana Swafford

ColorWorks Paint & Supply

Diana Swafford - February 16, 2017 at 09:46 PM



“ Joe and April Gutowski purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Arica Noel Ahlvers.



Joe and April Gutowski - February 16, 2017 at 09:23 PM

JK

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Shepard and Ahlvers families in the loss of Arica. She was a beautiful person and well loved. We send prayers for healing and peace at this difficult time.
Janice and Stan Kivett

Janice and Stan Kivett - February 16, 2017 at 08:08 PM

KA

“ *Kimberly Ahlvers purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Arica Noel Ahlvers.*



Kimberly Ahlvers - February 16, 2017 at 04:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Arica Noel Ahlvers.*



February 16, 2017 at 04:06 PM



“ *Tom, Jana and Murr. Love and Miss You Arica.*



Jana Murray - February 16, 2017 at 03:24 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Arica Noel Ahlvers.*



February 16, 2017 at 11:58 AM



“ *Frank and Joan Oldweiler Gourley and Families purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Arica Noel Ahlvers.*



Frank and Joan Oldweiler Gourley and Families - February 16, 2017 at 11:45 AM



“ *Tom & Virginia Meyer lit a candle in memory of Arica Noel Ahlvers*



Tom & Virginia Meyer - February 15, 2017 at 10:48 PM

TB

“ *Cole and Family: I am so sorry to hear of Arica's passing-there are no words. It is so unbelievable and my heart just hurts for your family. I feel so fortunate to have met the two of you. You both make others feel so welcome into your life. That is why I always cherish my "drop by's" to see you and Arica. My favorite is when I found you playing with ALL the neighborhood kids in your yard and teasing you about how quickly your family grew. Or ringing your doorbell to Arica's warm and cheerful greeting only to get a tour of Collins room which warmed my heart. I felt so special when you sent me the photo of Collin in her KU outfit-always thinking of others. All of these memories I hold in my heart and how gracious you both were when I just show up. Know I pray for you daily and will keep you close in my thoughts and prayers. If I can be help to you in anyway like making sure your garage door is shut, I'm just a phone call and a minute away.*

The Burgharts - February 15, 2017 at 09:16 PM

KG

“ *Kathy Glaze lit a candle in memory of Arica Noel Ahlvers*



Kathy Glaze - February 15, 2017 at 05:04 PM

KF

“ *Kristy Dyche Family lit a candle in memory of Arica Noel Ahlvers*



Kristy Dyche Family - February 15, 2017 at 01:54 PM

CH

“ *Cathy Hammer lit a candle in memory of Arica Noel Ahlvers*



Cathy Hammer - February 15, 2017 at 12:31 PM

KF

“ *Katie Price Family lit a candle in memory of Arica Noel Ahlvers*



Katie Price Family - February 15, 2017 at 12:19 PM

MM

“ *Todd, Beth and Cole Ahlvers Family. We are so sorry for your loss of Arica, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mark and Dawna McCabe*

Mark McCabe - February 15, 2017 at 09:23 AM

SK

“ *Susie Kaberline lit a candle in memory of Arica Noel Ahlvers*



Susie Kaberline - February 15, 2017 at 08:49 AM

MM

“ *Michelle Meyer lit a candle in memory of Arica Noel Ahlvers*



michelle meyer - February 14, 2017 at 11:00 PM

EL

“ *Ellie Lybarger lit a candle in memory of Arica Noel Ahlvers*



Ellie Lybarger - February 14, 2017 at 10:12 PM

RB

“ *Rebeka Boydston lit a candle in memory of Arica Noel Ahlvers*



Rebeka Boydston - February 14, 2017 at 05:35 PM

RB

“ *We are very sad to hear of the sudden loss of Arica. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. The Boydston Family*

Rebeka Boydston - February 14, 2017 at 05:33 PM

DW

“ I was saddened to hear of this loss. My prayers and thoughts go out to the family. I was so fortunate to have had such a talented person in my science classes. Her love for life was so contagious. From Dawn Wiebers



Dawn Wiebers - February 14, 2017 at 03:52 PM

KJ

“ I had the pleasure of playing volleyball for a number of years with Arica, with my Dad as the coach. I, to this day, still talk about Arica's love for life, passion for her teammates, and the fun she always had. My Dad still uses her as an example with his current volleyball teams as someone who always knew how to work hard and have fun. I loved her competitive spirit and how it was always matched with a positive attitude. I feel sad for all the people Arica could have influenced with her zest for life if she was still around, but I feel insanely lucky that I was one of the lucky ones who got to know Arica so well! We will miss you so much, Africa without the f.



Kalin Johnson - February 14, 2017 at 03:06 PM

SL

“ I met Arica when she played volleyball at Emporia State. I had the pleasure of getting to know her when she worked for ESU Athletics. She was a wonderful, caring person who always took the time to listen. She was special. My thoughts are with her family. She will be so deeply missed.

Susie LeGault - February 14, 2017 at 12:38 PM


Greg
Larson

“ We are never prepared when someone is taken from us, especially someone so young. Arica, you were a blessing to everyone you ever met. You were full of joy and lived life to the fullest. I didn't know you long, but you really made an impact on my life. I will always remember your gracious smile, raucous laugh, and persistent spirit. You will always be a vivid memory. Until we meet again, shine your light as brightly in heaven as you did here on earth. Peace and prayers to all those left behind.

Greg Larson - February 14, 2017 at 11:37 AM

BX

“ Arica was a great student athlete. She brought all good memories for us. We still remember how high she could jump and how hard she could hit a ball on the volleyball court. We still remember how hard she laughed to cheer the team up off the volleyball court. We still remember how much she loved McDonalds. Every time, we were on our road trip and asked the team where we wanted to eat, you heard “McDonalds hamburger” from Arica. As her coach and co-worker, I am so lucky to have her be a part of the Emporia State Hornet volleyball program. I am so lucky to get to know her in my personal life. Arica's life was bright! We want to bring our thoughts and prayers to you all.”



Bing and Jiangping

Bing Xu - February 14, 2017 at 11:14 AM

TL

“ Our hearts break for you all, and we know there are no words, but please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. We will always have such wonderful memories of Arica. Her bright smile always lit up the group. Hugs to you all!



Todd and Alaina Lambotte - February 14, 2017 at 10:53 AM

Greg Larson

“ Greg Larson lit a candle in memory of Arica Noel Ahlvers



Greg Larson - February 14, 2017 at 10:39 AM

Kylee Parman

“ I am so glad I shared this life with Arica. Every time I call my daughter “sis”, make up my own lyrics to songs, or decide to dance like no one is watching, I will be thinking of her. We will never understand why she was chosen to leave us so early and the sting in our hearts may never fully go away. My promise to Arica is that I will continue to live my life to the fullest, play in the dirt on the ball field, and smile without reason.... because I know she would.
Rest in Peace Dear Friend
Kylee Parman



Kylee Parman - February 14, 2017 at 10:30 AM

TB

“ *It was painful to learn of Arica's passing. We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to you and your family at this time. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Toby, Kourtney & Haley Brown - February 14, 2017 at 10:06 AM

TB

Toby, Kourtney & Haley Brown

Toby, Kourtney and Haley Brown - February 14, 2017 at 10:10 AM

KG

“ *The Benedictine College community extends condolences to Cole, Collins, Todd, Beth, Keith, Patricia and all the loved ones of Arica Shepard Ahlvers. May God provide each with comfort and peace in the days ahead. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*



Kathy Garrison - February 14, 2017 at 10:03 AM

IF

“ *Ian Poole and the entire Big Creek Foods family. purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Arica Noel Ahlvers.*



Ian Poole and the entire Big Creek Foods family. - February 14, 2017 at 10:03 AM

RF

“ We send our deepest sympathy.
Brian, Heather, Traci, Preston and Travis Ross



Ross Family - February 14, 2017 at 10:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for
the family of Arica Noel Ahlvers.



February 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM

JH

“ *prayers go to all family and close friends. Jodi Hearn (Carrier)*

jodi hearn - February 14, 2017 at 09:53 AM

NB

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Nadine Bryant - February 14, 2017 at 09:32 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Arica Noel Ahlvers.



February 14, 2017 at 09:32 AM



“ To The Shepard Family,
Knowing that your hearts are broken, and truly aches, please know that we are thinking of you during this time. Todd and Beth, your children are a reflection of you, your strength, kindness, love of life, and love of family and friends. We will never forget Todd's inspirational and heartfelt speeches at Ari's and Ash's weddings, and how you always know just the right thing to say. The love and support you both share for your children is unwavering, "lets go kid."
We love you all, The Wiggers

Sandy Wigger - February 14, 2017 at 09:25 AM



“ Nadine Bryant lit a candle in memory of Arica Noel Ahlvers



Nadine Bryant - February 14, 2017 at 09:18 AM



I got to know Arica through my son Andrew. They were in the same class. What a great class this was. Love watching her play sports. She always had that smiling face. She loved life and loved people. She will be so missed by so many people. Rest in peace my friend. To all the family my prayers are with you all.

Nadine Bryant - February 14, 2017 at 09:29 AM

TK

“ On behalf on State Farm Team KS-Northeast...Please feel our prayers of hope, courage and strength.

T KLinning-Pflueger - February 14, 2017 at 09:05 AM

AB

“ Arica's smile was always like a ray of sunshine at Country Legends. I hope that you feel her love every time the sun comes out each day.

Amanda Bayless - February 14, 2017 at 08:58 AM

MS

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Arica when she was assigned to work her summer job in the Mayor/CAO Office. I so enjoyed her working with us and she did a great job in a very busy and sometimes crazy office. She handled the unexpected like a pro. Everyone she came in contact with was so impressed with her poise, her friendliness and of course how pretty she was. Sending thoughts and prayers to the family.

Marcia Steinbock

Marcia Steinbock - February 14, 2017 at 08:27 AM

PL

“ I am so sorry! Thinking of you all and keeping you in our prayers!

Pam and Bob Lassen - February 14, 2017 at 06:09 AM



“ *Figurine - Essence of Love was purchased for the family of Arica Noel Ahlvers.* ”



February 14, 2017 at 01:51 AM

DA

“ Ari,

The pain in my heart won't ever heal. Folks will say it will... "in time"...but they do not know my heart like I do.

Far too young, you will be so dearly missed by so many. Yet, I find solace in knowing you absolutely knew just how much your mother and I loved you. For 28 years, we made sure of that.

Full of life and love for everyone, you brightened every room you entered. When you found your wonderful husband Cole, I was so blessed as a father to know you were in such strong, loving, capable hands. Then, when Collins arrived, I knew she was the luckiest little girl in the world to have you both as her parents.

I'll always be so proud of you and of all of your achievements. From your mischievous younger days, to your blossoming into such a wonderful wife and mother, you filled all of our lives with your beautiful smile and unmistakable joyous laughter.

I'm blessed to have so many pictures and memories, and such a beautiful grandchild and her father to help comfort my sorrow...

...but, I will still so badly miss, my Baby Girl.

Love...forever. Dad

Dad - February 14, 2017 at 12:10 AM

RG

Our hearts are breaking for you all. Our thoughts & prayers are with all Arica's family.

Ron & Eva Gentry

Ron & Eva Gentry - February 14, 2017 at 07:44 AM

CG

I will never forget Arica's bigger than life smile. When we were all in school together she was always cracking jokes or finding a way to be ornery. There were very few times I ever saw her mad. She was always going about her business just trying to laugh and live life to the fullest. She was a stud on the volleyball court and a great person off. You will be missed by so many. Your family will forever be our prayers.

Chris and Casey Graves - February 14, 2017 at 07:59 AM

SG

*My thoughts and prayers are with all of you in this time of sorrow.
Sandy Corpening Gilmore*

Sandy Corpening Gilmore - February 14, 2017 at 08:23 AM

NL

So sorry for your loss. God has gained another beautiful angle. Prayers for comfort. From the Little's

nancy little - February 14, 2017 at 09:02 AM

SM

I was so sorry to hear of Arica's passing - I had the opportunity to work with her during her summer internship for the City. Her energy and great personality brightened our offices. I am blessed to have seen her this past fall at the Emporia / PSU volleyball game - we shared many memories. May God be with her family during this difficult time.

Shawn Maisberger - February 14, 2017 at 10:45 AM

SG

Our hearts are broken for all of you in this sad news. We are praying for God to comfort you in your sorrow and heal your broken hearts as only he can. Arica was a beautiful young lady and full of life.

Scott and Holly Graves - February 14, 2017 at 12:29 PM

CS

Our hearts are broken for each and everyone of you in you time of hurt. Arica was a beautiful young lady.

Chance and Jenna Stum - February 14, 2017 at 04:39 PM



Laurie
Smith

Our prayers are with your family during this difficult time. Arica's memories will live on through Collins. She was a beautiful young lady. Hugs to you all.

Laurie Smith Turnbow - February 16, 2017 at 09:02 PM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Arica Noel Ahlvers.*



February 13, 2017 at 10:42 PM