



Aubrey Van Sickel

November 1, 1980 - March 26, 2016

Aubrey Marie Van Sickel, 35, passed away Saturday, March 26, 2016, of Huntingtons Disease.

Aubrey was born November 1, 1980, in Dallas, Texas, the daughter of Kevin and Delene Hafner Van Sickel. When the family returned to Topeka in 1992, Aubrey attended Holy Name Grade School and Hayden High School for three years, graduating in 1999 from Seaman High School. Aubrey always enjoyed working with young children and was a para-professional at Head Start. She was a member of Mater Dei Catholic Parish.

Aubrey leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter, Sierra Van Sickel; her mother, Delene Van Sickel (Mark Dechand); brother, Nicholas Van Sickel; grandfather, Raymond Hafner; and grandmother, Patricia Van Sickel. She was preceded in death by her father, and sisters, Brianna and Celessa Van Sickel.

Aubrey's family will greet friends from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at Mater Dei Holy Name Catholic Church, where a rosary will be prayed at 10:45.

Mass of Christian Burial will follow at the Church at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Rochester Cemetery, Topeka.

Please consider a memorial contribution to Hereditary Neurological Disease Centre or Huntingtons Disease Society of America, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Cemetery Details

Rochester Cemetery

1200 NW Menninger Rd
Topeka, KS 66618

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Mater Dei Holy Name Church
1114 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Rosary

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Tribute Wall



“ *Aubrey Van Sickel*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I don't know if anyone will read this because it's been so long...Aubrey was a friend/crush of mine in 5th grade at Reed elementary in Mrs Simpkins class. She was a shy girl but had a beautiful sweet spirit about her. She hung out a lot with Laura McPherson. Aubrey had those cute lil' freckles and blonde hair.*



Being honest, she was teased and picked on and I wish that I had been more of a man back then and stood up for her. I knew something was going on with her, I just didn't know what. One day she broke down in class and Mrs Simpkins sent her to the nurse. The teacher told us that Aubrey had difficult things going on in her life and everyone needed to make an effort to be nice to her.

After that year, I never saw her again, but had always wondered what had become of that sweet shy strawberry blonde that I had grown up with...social media has allowed us to connect to friends in so many ways, but it saddens me deeply with great sorrow that I never got to talk to her again.

I wanted to say, I'm sorry for not standing up for her and I wanted to say that she was beautiful and she had a way about her that was creative and special. A thousand tears could not express the pain of a friend losing a dear friend...peace be unto your soul Aubrey, I will remember you as the tender gentle girl from our yester year...

"If a picture paints a thousand words then why can't I paint you..."

"And Aubrey was her name..."

"She's got a way about her..."

*With warmest thoughts and love,
Peris Chamberlain*

Peris chamberlain - February 24, 2021 at 12:59 AM



Thank you for your memories of Aubrey. She was a very sweet and loving soul.

D Van Sickel - November 19, 2023 at 01:45 PM

RL

“ I had the honor of meeting Aubrey one summer when we were both in our early teens. We only hung out a few times, but one of my fondest memories was staying up to watch the sunrise with her. Although we unfortunately lost touch at the end of that summer, I will continue to cherish the time we spent together.

I am grateful I had the good fortune to know her, even if only briefly. The Aubrey I remember brought sunshine into an otherwise dark room. Just as she brightened this world with her presence, I'm sure she continues that mission.

My deepest condolences to her entire family for their loss.

Robert List

Robert List - April 23, 2018 at 08:07 PM



“ Delene,
I do not know you, nor did I know Aubrey. Sure wish I had. I believe we are related. My mother and grandfather were Van Sickel's, Steve & Stephanie Van Sickel. Both of which passed many years ago from Huntington's. Both of my brothers have it as well. I remember meeting Pat Van Sickel many years ago when I was child. I am so sorry if this is not the forum to reach out, however I would love for anyone to reach out to me. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I know first hand how horrible and devastating Huntington's Disease is.



Theresa Joyce-Wynne

Theresa Joyce-Wynne - March 31, 2016 at 12:02 PM

RK

“ *Delene, Sierra and Family: This is such a difficult time for all of you. Please accept my sympathy and condolences. I will make a donation to Huntington's Disease research and we must all join in the fight against this horrible, horrible disease.*

*Blessings to you,
Roberta King*

Roberta King - March 31, 2016 at 10:31 AM

TB

“ I only had occasion to meet Aubrey one time when she was a very young girl. But I know her Uncle Marc. I'm so sorry for your family's loss. You all have suffered enough from this horrible disease. I'm wishing that you can hold close your good memories of Aubrey and let go of this illness. I'm so sorry you are having to go through this again. May you be done with this forever!

Sincerely,
Terri Boggs

Terri Boggs - March 30, 2016 at 08:35 PM

LC

“ Delene,

I am so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May fond memories sustain you through these sad times.

Love,
Rocky and Leina Cox

Leina Cox - March 30, 2016 at 04:21 PM

 Kara
Shifflett

“ I worked with Aubrey at Sheldon and will miss her. She was very funny and uplifting. May you rest in peace and my heartfelt sympathy to family.



Kara Shifflett - March 30, 2016 at 05:58 AM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Aubrey Van Sickel.



March 30, 2016 at 12:31 AM

C(

“ I have not seen Aubrey in many years, but my memory of her was such a shy sweet girl, always smiling. I'm so sorry for her loss. This terrible disease has taken so many members of this family. I would like to make a donation to a Huntington's disease organization. If you have one that is recommended, please share.

Love you, Ceci Van Voorhees (McMillan)

Ceci Van Voorhees (McMillan) - March 30, 2016 at 12:25 AM

LE

“ My condolences to the Sickel family sorry for your loss. May you find comforting God's promises of soon a world without tears,pain,and even loss of dear love ones.

Isaiah 25:8

Lee - March 29, 2016 at 09:56 AM

RE

“ Aubrey always had a readily Smile, laughter, and hugs for us. She would get so excited when she would get a new movie. She would spends hours watching her favorite ones. To know Aubrey was to love her, a true angel. She will be greatly missed.

Rebecca - March 29, 2016 at 09:20 AM

RW

“ She was always a highlight to our day.RIP sweet lady. Fly sweetly.

Renee Weeks - March 29, 2016 at 06:16 AM