



Kate Marie Fechter

January 7, 1986 - June 13, 2018

Kate Marie Fechter, 32, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Wednesday, June 13, 2018.

Kate loved animals. She was a student who had attended Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon to focus on animal law. She was currently attending Washburn Law School. Kate was an artist who loved to paint. She loved trees. She also enjoyed singing and theater. Kate valued and appreciated the support of her AA friends. Kate loved her family and was a much loved daughter, granddaughter, sister, niece, aunt and friend.

Survivors include her parents, Michael and Vanessa Vigare Fechter; her sister, Rachel Fechter, brother, Adam Fechter; grandmothers, Evelyn Vigare and Betty Fechter; uncle, Sam Vigare (Shanna); aunt, Susan Boothe (Kenny); and uncle, Mickey Fechter.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 16, at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 2014 NW 46th Street, Topeka KS 66618, where a rosary will be prayed at 10 a.m.

Burial will follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Wolf Haven International

and/or Sea Lion Defense Brigade, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family
Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church
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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kate Marie Fechter



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - June 15, 2018 at 02:02 PM



“ Kate Marie Fechter

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Eddie And Debbie Munoz lit a candle in memory of Kate Marie Fechter



Eddie and Debbie Munoz - June 16, 2018 at 06:26 PM



“ So sorry to hear hear about Kate passing.. My she rest in peace and now that she is loved. She will be missed but not forgotten.

Genna Dowding

Genna Dowding - June 16, 2018 at 06:15 PM

JS

“ To me, Kate always had a sweet smile and a warm hug ... sweet person ☆

We all have conflicted feelings in our head and heart ... some worse than others.

Be at peace now Kate ... ♡

Jeff Scott - June 16, 2018 at 12:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kate Marie Fechter.



June 16, 2018 at 11:29 AM

 Mark Lodes

“ It is unreal to think, to know, Kate is gone. Ben and I were just out with fun loving, kind, thoughtful and interesting Kate only two weeks ago. We drank soda with her, and played skee-ball and video games at the Pennant.

Mark Lodes - June 16, 2018 at 09:21 AM

VF

“ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DD1ih3Q9otE>
Like Vincent was Kate was just too beautiful and sensitive for this world. Her Mom,

Vanessa Fechter - June 15, 2018 at 06:44 PM

KJ

Kate had the biggest heart and kindest soul. ❤️

Krista Jaimes - June 15, 2018 at 10:51 PM

KA

“ I always enjoyed listening to kate speak and reading her Facebook post. It is sad she was suffering so much. I believe she is at peace now. She will be missed.

Kristin Akins - June 15, 2018 at 11:59 AM

MR

Kate was a wonderful art student. I could see her big heart through her caring eyes. This news saddens me so... healing prayers to family and close friends.

Mark Ralston - June 15, 2018 at 07:55 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Kate Marie Fechter.



June 15, 2018 at 09:22 AM

BW

“ When I think of Kate I remember all the times she stepped in to help others. She was always happy to help out, painting props for an after school play, organizing books for a library or taking care of stray animals. Kate will be missed by all who knew her! My thoughts and prayers for her mother, family, friends and classmates who will miss having Kate in their lives. The world has lost a kind and gentle advocate for our animal friends.

Barbara Wright

Barbara Wright - June 15, 2018 at 08:55 AM

JL

“ Washburn Law is in mourning for Kate. Kate was a smart, sensitive student who was very interested in animal rights. During our last conversation, she was excited about starting a student organization for animal rights at the law school next year. I will never forget the animation in her sweet face as she discussed her dedication to this cause.

I can't believe that she is really gone, and am so sad. The world has lost a kind and gentle soul. My condolences to her mother, her family, her classmates, and her friends.

Jalen Lowry

Jalen O'Neil Lowry - June 15, 2018 at 07:16 AM

RG

“ I became acquainted with Kate through the same self help group I've been involved with since 1984. She regularly attended the same Monday night gathering I did. Always pleasant, cheerful and never a harsh word toward anyone. Watching her cope with and face her inner fears was like observing a flower from seeds planted to full bloom. The community has lost a wonderful young lady that will be missed. Fears faced and answer found. My prayer is that Kate remain at peace and know she touched a lot of lives...

randy gibbs - June 14, 2018 at 09:33 PM

KK

“ Kate, your smile and kindness were so infectious. You've left an indelible mark on me and I'm so glad to have known you. The heavens have gained another sweet angel and I pray you have now found peace, joy, and relief. I love you sweet friend!

Kristen Koob - June 14, 2018 at 08:32 PM

TI

“ I didn't have very many interactions with Kate, but the couple of times we briefly talked she encouraged me and made me feel like I mattered when I needed it the most. I could tell she had an intuitive and compassionate nature.

Tiffany - June 14, 2018 at 07:34 PM

AB

“*Kate was one of my most memorable students. She was exuberant, curious, caring, and passionate. I first met her in my Property class (Fall 2014) at Washburn. Kate always had interesting insights and comments to share in my class, and I enjoyed meeting with her individually outside of class and chatting with her about a myriad of topics. The next semester, Kate was elected to be President of the Business Law Society, and she threw herself into the role with great energy and enthusiasm. Kate was full of good ideas for the BLS, and on her watch we launched several programming initiatives that we have continued to this day, including having a series of lunch & learn presentations aimed at increasing financial literacy among law students. In the fall 2015, Kate decided to transfer to Lewis & Clark Law School to focus on her desired specialty in animal law, and although I recommended her for the transfer, I was sorry to see her leave Washburn: our school was a brighter and more interesting place with Kate there. I was surprised and delighted to have Kate as a student once more - in Real Estate Transactions in Spring 2017. I am terribly saddened by this sudden news and by our loss of Kate. Kate was a unique, precious, kind person, and she will be fondly remembered and deeply missed. My love and prayers for comfort to her family and to all those who, like me, will miss having Kate in our world.*

Andrea Boyack - June 14, 2018 at 06:59 PM

 Laura
Leen

“ I remember driving to law school one morning and getting a phone call from Kate. She knew the route I took and she wanted to know if I could stop and help her rescue a dog which of course I did. There we were on this alley off 17th, trying to corral a stray . Kate had a heart of gold. I was her VP in Business Law Society before she took a leave of absence, and it was my pleasure working with her. She had a lot of terrific ideas and was all about charity; her heart knew no bounds. Yesterday this world, particularly the 4 legged world, has lost a champion.

Laura Leen - June 14, 2018 at 06:22 PM

AM

“ I didn't know Kate well, but she and I were in class together and shared a few laughs and exchanged words of encouragement. It was obvious from even our limited interaction that she was a deeply compassionate person. The Washburn Law community, her friends, her family, and the whole world has lost a truly beautiful being. My condolences to all, and I hope everyone can find peace as they grieve.

Angela McDanel - June 14, 2018 at 06:19 PM

BG

“ Kate was one of the gentler people I have ever met. I only knew her for a short time, but she always made my day a bit brighter. She will be missed.

Barbara Ginzburg - June 14, 2018 at 06:19 PM

MB

“ Thank you, my sweet friend, for bringing me light in the dark. I only hope you found your own light where you are 💙

Michelle Brewer - June 14, 2018 at 06:01 PM

BC

“*Kate was one of my best friends. She never let anything she was going through stop her from being warm, caring and compassionate to those she loved when she knew they were in need. She was always ALWAYS a call or text away and always had a kind word at the right time. I cannot express how much I am going to miss her.*

Benjamin Cohen - June 14, 2018 at 04:33 PM

GN

“*Kate is such a beautiful person inside and out. She always made me smile when she stopped by the Dean's Office of Washburn University School of Law. She holds a special place in my heart and I will never forget her.*

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ carry you through this hard time.

*My best to you,
Gwyn Nelson*

Gwyn Nelson - June 14, 2018 at 04:29 PM