



Sarah Madl

February 13, 2011

The story of Sarah Ann Madl began February 21, 1988 in Topeka KS. It should have been a long novel with each day a page and each year a chapter. But her story was cut short by a villain named colorectal cancer. Sarah is the daughter of Tom and Marsha Powell Madl. She attended Randolph Elementary, Robinson Middle School and graduated from Topeka High School where she was involved in the band, theater and tennis. Sarah was a senior at Washburn University, studying to be a librarian, a member of Sigma Alpha Iota Sorority and played in the WU Marching Band. Sarah loved books, music, coffee and, the love of her life, Will Arasmith, who was a constant source of strength and happiness to her. Sarah was a delight who was known to be an "old soul". This chapter of Sarah's earthly story ended on Sunday, February 13, 2011. Survivors include her parents, Tom and Marsha; brother, Adam Madl (Jeong Hee); sister, Mary Madl, Overland Park; and aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Jack and Alice Powell and Donald and Annabel Madl. Sarah will lie in state from 5 to 8 p.m. Tues. at Mater Dei Holy Name Church, where family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wed. at the church. Cremation will take place following the Mass. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Sarah Madl Memorial Fund To Help Cancer Patients or to Topeka High School Band Backers, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ Sarah Madl

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ To the Madl family,
We were so sorry to hear about the tragic loss of Sarah. One encounter with her was all it took to know she was special. My thoughts and prayers, and those of the ultrasound department staff, are with you.

Steven C. Watkins MD - February 21, 2011 at 03:22 PM



“ Tom, Marsha and family I am so sorry for your loss. It is indeed a tragedy that we lost such a wonderful young lady.

HENRY DARIES - February 17, 2011 at 11:21 AM



“ I had Sarah in my Web Graphics class at Washburn. Class was over shortly before her illness was diagnosed. Her loss is heartbreaking. She was so young, so talented, so kind. She was a wonderful person and I'll continue to miss her for a very long time. My condolences go to her family and friends.

Carol Yoho - February 17, 2011 at 11:14 AM

BH

“ Marsha, Tom and family,
I cannot find the words to convey how sorry I was to read of Sarah's death. Please know that you are in our prayers both here at home and at Topeka Lutheran School. May God continue to hold you close during this time of sorrow. May He give you strength in the coming days and joyous reunion in heaven.

Beth Helmke - February 17, 2011 at 09:35 AM

BM

“ Tom, we are so very sorry for you and your family's loss. We cannot imagine the heartache you must be feeling now. Please accept our condolences and hope you can find some peace in this difficult time.

Brad & Vickie Marten - February 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Tom, Marsha, Adam, Mary and Will - Our thoughts and prayers go to you all at this incredibly difficult time. I won't forget going through Religious Ed with Sarah. We thought it was cool we shared the same first and middle name! We are so saddened to see such a wonderful person have to go this soon. Know that she is watching over and protecting you. Sending prayers and love - Sarah and Jo Ann

Sarah Laha - February 16, 2011 at 11:19 PM

EB

“ To the Madl family, though I did not know Sarah I was saddened to her of your loss. My daughter attended THS with Sarah and remembers her fondly. Losing a child of any age is difficult, my heart goes out to you along with my prayers. May you find comfort and support from your family and friends who knew and loved Sarah. I will keep you in my heart as you face the days ahead.

Eleanor Bruch - February 16, 2011 at 10:01 PM

DB

“ Time will heal the wound, but never the loss. Sarah was a wonderful young lady, well loved and full of spirit. We are so sorry for her passing, but God has a purpose in everything, we just can't see it at times. Hold dear her memory she will greet you in heaven. God Bless and keep you.

Dennis and Nancy Bachman - February 16, 2011 at 08:50 PM

AF

“ Tom and Marsha-We were so saddened to hear about your loss. Our deepest thoughts are with you and your family.

Amy and Aaron Hugo and Family - February 16, 2011 at 08:39 PM

OJ

“ Tom & Family,

I am so sorry to hear about Sarah! I have always thought that nothing in this world could be as hurtful as the loss of a child. Just wanted you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Orville Johnson - February 16, 2011 at 08:15 PM

LS

“ Marsha, Tom & Family
Words, however kind, can't mend your heartache:
but those who care and share your loss wish you,
comfort and peace of mind. May you find strength,
in the love of family, and in the warm embrace,
of friends. Our prayers and thoughts are with you in this time of
need. Lisa & Don Stratton

Lisa & Don Stratton - February 16, 2011 at 02:21 PM

GF

“ Tom and Family..... So sorry for your loss. We are sending thoughts and prayers your way.

Gary and Mary Froese - February 16, 2011 at 10:39 AM

BT

“ Words cannot convey our sorrow at your loss. May you find solace in the thoughts and prayers of your friends and family. God bless and give you strength in your time of need.

Bob & Candace Thomas - February 16, 2011 at 10:22 AM

CS

“ Tom,
I am so sorry for you and your family's loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you now and in the coming times. May you find strength in your memories.
Christine Steinkuehler

Christine Steinkuehler - February 16, 2011 at 10:10 AM

DM

“ Sarah's smile lives on in so many hearts here. She lives, but it's in a realm where Love never wanes. She was no stranger to Love here on Earth and lived it out at work, school, home and any other place she graced with her smile.

Tears come and go, but smiles are far more powerful. Sarah packed a lot of power in each one she gave.

Doug McDougal - February 16, 2011 at 09:40 AM

DU

“ Tom and Family. We are so sorry for your loss we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Debbie & Mike Urban - February 16, 2011 at 09:32 AM

JD

“ Tom and Family, We were saddened to see of sarahs passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time.

James and Lisa Dodds - February 15, 2011 at 10:19 PM

MB

“ Mere words cannot begin to heal the deep hurt of such a profound loss - Blessings and prayers to the entire family-

Maurie Blick - February 15, 2011 at 10:15 PM

KC

“ Sarah was my student and house managed for the theatre department for me. Her senior picture is still in my classroom. I read what she wrote on the back today when I went to Topeka High. She was always so positive, and, as a teacher, I always felt she understood what I was trying to get them to accomplish, even when others were annoyed with me. I appreciated her smile. I appreciated her treating me as both a teacher and a person. My thoughts are with you.

Kirsten Cigler - February 15, 2011 at 07:23 PM

BW

“ Marsha, Tom and Family: Our thoughts are with you as you remember the life of Sarah. You have our deepest sympathy.

Bob and Susan Ward - February 15, 2011 at 01:20 PM

MP

“ Sarah was a student in my Small Group Communication class at Washburn University. I enjoyed getting to know her and having her in class. I am so saddened with this news. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your extended family and friends at this time.

-Mary Pilgram

Mary Pilgram - February 15, 2011 at 11:26 AM

MT

“ Dear Tom, Marsha, Adam, and Mary, I was so saddened to hear about Sarah's struggle. I remember being kids and living down the street. We would play for hours outdoors during the summers. Hide and seek still brings back great memories. Your family was always so welcoming and supportive of my family. I want to share my support with you at this very difficult time. Know that those memories of Sarah will never be forgotten!

Maddie Tritsch - February 15, 2011 at 11:16 AM

CB

“ Tom and Marsha: We were so saddened when we read of Sarah's death. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. We would be there with you at this time but are in Arizona. Sarah was a sweetheart and will be missed but never forgotten. Peace be with your family.

Curt and JoAnne Berkey - February 15, 2011 at 10:25 AM

CB

“ Tom and Marsha: We were so saddened when we read of Sarah's death. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. We would be there with you at this time but are in Arizona. Sarah was a sweetheart and will be missed but never Peace be with your family.

Curt and JoAnne Berkey - February 15, 2011 at 10:24 AM

RR

“ Our sympathies to you all on the loss of your dear Sarah who seemed to touch so many hearts with her courage and grace. We missed out on knowing Sarah personally but through her loving aunts Judy and Susan we learned of the mark she has made on earth and of the love that surrounds you all who were dear to her. Tom&Marsha, Mary, Will, Adam, Sue, Jim, Judy and all the cousins...you are in our prayers.

Randall & Monica (Davenport) Rose - February 15, 2011 at 10:24 AM

BS

“ TOM. SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOU FAMILY.

BOB/JEANNE SEBREE - February 15, 2011 at 09:07 AM

TF

“ Tom, Marsha, Adam, Mary and Will - We are so sorry for your loss. May God hold you close and give you comfort during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Bill, Brenda, Kyle and Kayla

The Simons Family - February 14, 2011 at 08:35 PM

JE

“ I am so sorry. May you find peace in knowing she is in no more pain and in heaven with Jesus. God bless you all.

Jeanette Evans-Willett - February 14, 2011 at 08:21 PM

MM

“ With deep sympathy to your family as we mourn the loss of a lovely young woman and daughter. Thinking of you.

Marj and Ragen Murray

Marj Murray - February 14, 2011 at 07:58 PM

MH

“ Dear Tom, Marsha and Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad and trying time, may she rest in peace with the Lord, Mike Hadl...

MIKE AND ROSEMARY HADL - February 14, 2011 at 07:19 PM

RH

“ Marsha, Tom, and family - Our hearts are heavy and saddened at your loss. A beautiful angel is now in heaven watching over you. May God give you the strength and comfort to get thru this terrible time. Love and prayers to you and family.

Roberta & Tom Hensley - February 14, 2011 at 07:10 PM

DH

“ Madl family, I worked with Sarah when I was the counselor at Randolph Elementary. I remember our times together. I looked forward each week to the time I spent with Sarah. Her smile brightened my day. My thoughts and prayers are with your family as you go through this difficult time.

Deb Hess

Deb Hess - February 14, 2011 at 06:19 PM

MG

“ Dear Tom:

My prayers are with you and your family.

Maria

Maria J. Glez-Vallejo - February 14, 2011 at 04:04 PM

DR

“ Tom, We are sorry for your loss. Our hearts and prayers are with you and your family. May God bear you up in your time of sorrow.
Darren Cherie Reed

Darren and Cherie Reed - February 14, 2011 at 03:16 PM

TC

“ Madl family and Will;
My heart aches for you all. There are absolutely no words that can ease the pain of losing a loved one, especially one so young. I have many fond memories of working with Sarah. She always had a smile on her face as if she had no cares in the world. I know Will made her life so much more bearable while going through what she went through. You could just see it in their eyes when they caught a glimpse of each other. Sarah is deeply missed and it leaves a hole in the hearts of those who knew her. GOD bless you all.

Tracey Cook - February 14, 2011 at 03:05 PM

HS

“ *I'm a member of Mater Dei Parish and St. Gerard's Circle. I've been praying for Sarah and your family. You have my deepest sympathy and will continue to be in my prayers.*

Holly Stuart - February 14, 2011 at 03:05 PM

AA

“ *Im so sorry to hear the lose of Sarah, i was a friend of hers and knew her from middle school and highschool. Again my deepest condolences*

Aimee Avila - February 14, 2011 at 01:45 PM

LG

“ *Will and Sarah's family - The memories that you shared will keep you close during this time of sadness. There is special guardian angel that will watch over you and keep you safe. Our prayers are with you during this time.*

Lindy

Lindy Grindel - February 14, 2011 at 01:38 PM

KB

“ *So very sorry for the loss of Sarah. You will be in my prayers. I know time is the only thing that heals a wound so deep.*

Karey Brown - February 14, 2011 at 01:29 PM

KR

“ *Our prayers go out to your whole family and to Will. We know the pain that you are feeling right now. Sarah was truly a beautiful and wonderful young lady who was deeply loved and cared for by many. We cannot understand the reasoning behind what has taken place and may never know, but we do know that she is with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and one day we will all be reunited with all who has gone before. May God give all of you peace and comfort. We love you. Kathy, Anna, Michael Reb*

Kathy, Anna, Michael Reb - February 14, 2011 at 01:26 PM

DG

“ Tom, I am so sorry for your loss. To lose a child is so unexpected and we are all so unprepared. Know that you and your family are in my prayers. May God give you comfort and HIS eternal blessings at this time.

DeAun

DeAun Goodman - February 14, 2011 at 12:31 PM

LN

“ Tom, Marsha, and family,
There are no words to describe your loss. Please know that you all are in our prayers that God will give you strength through this time and forever. Sarah was a gift to all who knew her.

Love, Chuck and Linda

Linda Nimz - February 14, 2011 at 11:12 AM

CH

“ Tom, Marsh, & Family-

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Charlie & Misty

Charlie - February 14, 2011 at 10:50 AM

DD

“ Dear Tom, Marcia, Adam, Mary and Will –

I know there are no words which will bring comfort to any of you at this time.

The brief relationship that Sarah and I shared last year will always be in my heart as a sweet memory. She was a loving, sweet and kind young lady. Being her aunt was a privilege. Tom, thank you for calling me so I could see Sarah at UKMC.

With Prayers for All of You,

Donna and Brad Davenport.

Donna & Brad Davenport - February 14, 2011 at 10:27 AM

BS

“ Tom, My heart aches for you and your family. Love and Prayers,
Beth

Beth Strong - February 14, 2011 at 10:07 AM

JM

“ I was shocked and saddened to see this news. I remember Sarah, Adam and Mary as Randolph school students in my gym classes. They are all such bright students. My prayers go out to your family.

Julia Marsh - February 14, 2011 at 09:56 AM

JH

“ Marsha and Family,
I was so saddened to see this news. Sarah was a lovely, talented girl, taken from this life much too soon. Keeping you in my thoughts as the support of your family and friends help you through this difficult time.

Jenith & Robin Hoover - February 14, 2011 at 08:18 AM

JP

“ *When a light dims everything around us gets cloudy. The beauty of Sarah's smile will shine like a beacon over our time of darkness and loss. The way my heart jumped when ever I had the chance to work with Sarah is hard to explain. In the past few weeks I feel like I have been right there with Will and her family. As the clouds lift and the warmth of the sun shines forth we will all feel that beautiful smile bearing down on us. Love and respect to all of the extended family in this most difficult time.*

Jeff Payne - February 13, 2011 at 11:01 PM