



Zonas Van Auken

June 11, 1971 - April 11, 2021

Zonas Ann Niwa Van Auken, 49, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Sunday, April 11, 2021.

Zonas was born June 11, 1971, in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Patty Niwa. She married Michael Van Auken on October 11, 2014, in Maple Hill, Kansas. Zonas was hard-working and dedicated to ensuring that rural hospitals got paid through Medicare billing. She worked through 15 years of cancer treatments and never had any unexcused absences during that time.

Zonas was survived by her husband, Michael; stepdaughter, Jordan Van Auken; sister, Crystal Montgomery (David); and niece, Chansea. She was preceded in death by her mother, Patty.

Memorial service will be 10 a.m. Friday, April 16, 2021, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where visitation will be one-hour prior. Inurnment will be in Onaga Cemetery in Onaga, Kansas. Due to the pandemic, masks and social distance are required.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Helping Hands Humane Society and sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Onaga Cemetery

Onaga, KS 66521

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Zonas Van Auken



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 14, 2021 at 02:55 PM



“ Zonas Van Auken

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Crystal and family Im so very sorry , i just found out about Zonas passing , I have many wonderful memories of her and i at St, Pauls Lutheran Church, She was always laughing, we laughed about the test we had to take to get confirmed , we hated that, I remember when we went to Washington DC , Im looking at pictures now, She always had a wonderful heart, so kind , I miss her so much, and i know im late im so sorry, If i can do anything for anyone please let me know, You all are in my prayers , You would know me as Brandy Brown



Brandy Cobb - July 07, 2021 at 11:42 PM

ST

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Steve - May 05, 2021 at 04:58 PM

KW

“ So sorry to hear about your sister, Crystal. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Kay Wildman

Kay Wildman - April 17, 2021 at 11:26 PM

AM

“ I have worked with Zonas for many years. She was always so patient with staff and held a wealth of knowledge. We loved talking about Medicare and billing along with sharing personal struggles and victories. I greatly admired her will to push on even when she was ill. She will be greatly missed by so many.

Angie Martin - April 16, 2021 at 09:13 AM

SS

“ We hold Crystal and her family in our hearts. The candle is burning to lift you in light and love. Susan and Shirley.

Shirley Dinkel and Susan Schwinn - April 16, 2021 at 08:15 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Zonas Van Auken.



April 15, 2021 at 07:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Zonas Van Auken.



April 15, 2021 at 03:47 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



John Cahill - April 15, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Zonas Van Auken.



April 15, 2021 at 09:12 AM



Laurie
Finley

“ *Crystal I am so sorry for your loss, Sweetie. Holding you close in my heart.*

Laurie Finley

Laurie Finley - April 14, 2021 at 03:51 PM



“ *Zonas was a warrior in her fight against cancer. She went through so much, one can't imagine. Her fight was intense and even though she has passed, she did not lose. RIP and no longer suffering. I'll miss the great conversations Zonas always loved to engage in. She was an avid reader , loved music , and always liked to discuss these things and new things she was interested in. Way too young for all of this and will be missed. Prayers and condolences to the family.*

Mardee Thompson - April 14, 2021 at 02:27 PM



DW

“ *So very sorry for your loss. She did work diligently for rural hospitals. She was a soft spoken woman on our networking calls and when we used to meet in person she was there with her computer working away. Her knowledge of Medicare rules and making sure they were followed was an asset for all the hospitals she worked with. Again so sorry for your loss.*

Donna Winchell

Donna Winchell - April 14, 2021 at 01:15 PM

JH

“ Joe and Jan Laing & Joyce and Chuck Haines purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Zonas Van Auken.



Joe and Jan Laing & Joyce and Chuck Haines - April 14, 2021
at 12:06 PM

JA

“ Joe and Deanna Van Auken purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Zonas Van Auken.



Joe and Deanna Van Auken - April 14, 2021 at 11:42 AM

PC

“ Crystal and family, I am so sorry to hear about Zonas. I pray that you find comfort in your memories. I will keep all of you in my prayers.
John 16:22

Patti Clarkston - April 14, 2021 at 10:33 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Zonas Van Auken.



April 14, 2021 at 09:03 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Zonas Van Auken.*



April 13, 2021 at 06:46 PM



“ *While I didn't know her family, I worked with Zonas a number of years ago.. the one thing that I will always remember was her willingness to help others and her unfailing positive attitude. RIP and fly with the angels!*

Nancy Smith

nancy smith - April 13, 2021 at 06:30 PM



“ *My thoughts are with your family and friends during this loss. Zonas was such a fun and unique person in high school. We shared many great memories together. Rest peacefully my friend.*

Becky (Tilton) Nesmith

Becky (Tilton) Nesmith - April 13, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ *So sorry to hear the passing of Zona's. She was a beautiful person. Growing up from elementary school together and watching her grow through out her life she was an amazing person. Zonda was the one on the playground that made everyone laugh. She had such a contagious personality. She will be deeply missed. Zona's you fought hard . Fly high with angel wings. You will be missed.*

Sonja Golightly - April 13, 2021 at 02:07 PM

SR

“ To everyone in Zonas's family, especially Mike, I'm so very sorry to hear of her passing. She was a beautiful person inside and out and I'll always remember the good times her and I had.

Sherrie Rozwick - April 13, 2021 at 12:49 PM

JC

“ What a remarkable person! Zonas was one of the strongest people I knew and demonstrated you just get up and keep going, that what you do Attitude! I have been blessed to have had the opportunity to call her a friend, if for only a short time, I will cherish that time! May Zonas rest in peace! Michael, my heart breaks for you and your family, and you know we are here for you!!

John Cahill - April 13, 2021 at 12:37 PM