



## Amber Nicole Martin

November 8, 1984 - January 16, 2026

Amber Nicole Martin, age 41, of Coralville, IA and formerly of Bowling Green, MO, passed away unexpectedly Friday, January 16, 2026.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Services are under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes in Bowling Green.

Amber was born November 8, 1984, in Louisiana, MO. She grew up in Pike County and attended school in the Bowling Green R-1 School system, where she played Volleyball for the BGHS Lady Cats. Upon graduating in 2003, Amber attended Truman State University where she earned her bachelor's degree. She was currently in the process of earning her master's degree in medical laboratory science from the University of Cincinnati.

Growing up, Amber attended Mt. Zion Baptist Church in rural Bowling Green. She enjoyed reading, painting, crafting and riding her bike.

From March of 2013, until August of 2025, Amber worked as a lead medical laboratory scientist at Quincy Medical Group, in Quincy, IL. She recently moved to Coralville, IA in September, where she accepted a position as a medical laboratory scientist supervisor in microbiology at the University of Iowa Health Center.

Amber is survived by her birth mother Angie Herman; parents James (Jim) Morton and wife Susan of Bowling Green; sister Ashley Squires and extended family. She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents Milo and Darline Morton, as well as Ollie and Leon Madison.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes in Bowling Green.

# Tribute Wall

AE

“ Amber was a one of a kind, beautiful, caring person. She was not with my lab long but she made a lasting impact. I will miss sharing funny animal videos with her and talking about our fur babies together.

Anna Eldridge - February 25 at 05:00 PM

CH

“ To Amber’s grandparents, I am so sorry for the immense loss you’re suffering. I want you to know that to me, Amber was like the sun. She radiated warmth and joy. It was easy to smile when she was in the room because she would make you laugh, ready or not! She was a friend I literally called at 10pm and she showed up for me and comforted me and never gave up helping me find my wedding ring when I lost it at work. I’ll never forget how she hugged me and laughed with me, how she said “well you do now” when I said I’m not used to having friends like her. Amber is a special soul and I’m so grateful I was blessed to call her friend.

Candace H - February 20 at 12:54 AM

AW

“ Amber was one of those rare people who made everyday moments feel kinder. She would always stop by my office to ask if I wanted a coffee, especially when my leg was acting up, and she offered to help without hesitation when I was planning to have my knee surgery. She listened patiently to my rambling, was eager to learn, always willing to help, and carried such a quiet depth of knowledge. We talked about our furbabies and how much they meant to us, and she always waved across the hall as I left for the day. She was here for far too short a time, but the impact she made will be felt for years.



Amy Watters - February 09 at 04:16 PM

KS

“ My heart is shattered for Amber and her family. She was one of the kindest souls I’ve ever been fortunate enough to grow up with. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten.



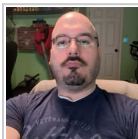
Krista Smith - February 05 at 04:48 PM

CW

“ Jim & Susan we are so sorry for your loss. She was a sweet young lady. One of Kayla’s classmates. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all. Rest in peace Amber!☐☐☐ Larry & JoAnne Walker & family



Chrystal Walker - February 04 at 06:46 PM



“ Amber was my best friend. A day didn't go by we didn't text each other. She made everything better just by knowing her. I'm grateful for the time we had together.

*I miss, even in our 40s, having a chill hangout/puzzle night with her. I miss getting excited together over some stupid project or toy we bought to stay up all night playing with.*

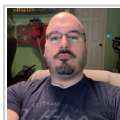
*I miss always being a big kid with my best friend.*

James Wilder - February 03 at 12:23 PM

KR

*She talked about you the same. You may not have known us (a friend group of Amber's), but we knew you were like her brother, even more than a best friend. I think she'd want you to know that. Hold tight to the memories. She was like no other.*

Kristen - February 04 at 08:26 PM



*Best friend never did seem adequate. She really was my sister.*

James Wilder - February 14 at 11:42 PM

SO

“ Amber was one of the kindest people and a friend. She had the sweetest most vibrant spirit and shared it with everyone. A light has gone out in the world.



Stacie Owens - February 02 at 08:26 PM

DF

“ My deepest sympathy to Jim and Susan and family, Milo and Darline were friends of my grandparents . They were such good people . My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Donna Francis - February 02 at 06:20 PM

HF

“ Holly Huntley & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Amber Nicole Martin.



Holly Huntley & Family - February 02 at 04:28 PM

HF

“ Holly Huntley & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amber Nicole Martin.

Holly Huntley & Family - February 02 at 04:28 PM

CD

“ Amber was a gift as a supervisor-- everyone in our lab looked forward to working with her for years to come. Her energy and enthusiasm were off the charts. It's easy to say her smile brightened the room, but it wasn't her smile-- it was the smiles on everyone who saw her coming in. Amber, we miss you, and we remember you. You weren't in Iowa City for long, but you made a huge impact.

Catherine DK - February 02 at 10:09 AM

RN

“ Amber was truly a wonderful neighbor and an even more wonderful person — kind and genuine. She will be deeply missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. Praying for comfort, strength, and peace for her family during this incredibly difficult time.

Ryan Niekamp - February 01 at 12:15 PM

CO

“ Cynthia Osborne lit a candle in memory of Amber Nicole Martin



Cynthia Osborne - January 31 at 02:47 PM

JS

“ So sorry for your loss. My dad , Ed Muff & Jim enjoyed target tournaments back in the day along with gun shows. Jim & Susan, the Ed Muff family surround you with love prayers

Jana Salathe - January 31 at 12:46 PM

DK

“ She was one of my daughter's best friends in highschool. She came to the house and they laughed all the time. Happy times. So sorry for her grandparents and family. Cherish the memories.



Donna Killian - January 31 at 11:56 AM

EH

“ Rest easy, my beautiful, sweet friend.

Emily M Harrelson - January 31 at 11:12 AM

SW

“ Sorry to hear about your loss Jimmy prayers are with you.

sid Worthington - January 31 at 09:43 AM

KM

“ There's so many things I want to say but the words don't seem fitting. We miss you. Your smile, your unmatched wit, your boundless intelligence, your compassion, your beauty (inside and out) and your passions. Your talents, your generosity, your genuine care for every person and every cat. The laughs, the silly reels, the way you made every, single person feel like your best friend. Granny and Pop were your number one in your life, we all knew how much you loved them. We have kept them in our prayers and will continue to do so. Amber is incomparable, words cannot express the loss that is felt.

Kristen M - January 31 at 09:27 AM

CF

*You've said it so well and I feel like I know you through Amber!*

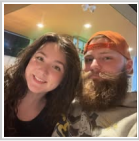
connie floerchinger - February 06 at 11:27 AM

LN

“ OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO JIM-SUSAN-ASHLEY AND FAMILIES--OUR HEARTS ARE BREAKING FOR YOU



LARRY AND NANCY THURMAN NATION - January 30 at 10:39 PM



“ While I didn't know Amber for long she made a huge impact in our lab and the University of Iowa. There was never a day that went by where she wasn't smiling and asked how me and my daughter were doing. Her lab coat still hangs on her hook and her office door still remains open with her dim lighting that she loved. She was taken terribly too soon but will always hold a place in our lab and our hearts. My sincerest condolences to her family, who I know must love her so incredibly much. Please know you are in our thoughts.



Hayley Laursen - January 30 at 08:07 PM

DW

“ Amber, thank you for the privilege of getting to know you many years ago. Thank you for the painful fits of "cry laughing" you caused me. Thank you for watching an insufferable amount of cheesy Nicolas Cage movies with me. Thank you for singing and perfectly reciting Lil' Wayne and T.I. songs at random to me. You've made a lasting impression on my life which I won't be able to repay you for.

*-Dustin Watts*

Dustin K Watts - January 30 at 06:43 PM

KF

“ I Babysit Amber , she was my daughter's cousin as well . I loved Ambers Laughter . She loved to Laugh and love when she made me laugh! She was the absolute sweetest girl . We had a lot of fun times . Rest Easy Amber you are loved and you will be missed .



kristi Freeman - January 30 at 06:37 PM

KF

*\*I loved when she made me laugh.*

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**kristi Freeman** - January 30 at 06:42 PM

LM

“ I met Amber while working at QMG. We both attended a leadership program where we had to give a speech of what we had learned during our time in the program and let me tell you, you did not want to go after Amber. She memorized her entire presentation word for word, never needing her slideshow or note cards. She was such a deserving and hard working person. Some of us would all go to lunch and I just enjoyed her presence so much. Even after the program was over, she always felt like a friend with her kind words and smile. She will forever be missed.

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**Lindsey Milane** - January 30 at 06:26 PM