



## Kali Nicole Barnes

January 28, 1994 - August 12, 2022

Our beloved Kali Nicole Barnes, 28, died on Friday August 12, 2022. While her death was unexpected, Kali suffered from addiction, and for years we feared addiction would claim her life.

Memorial Services will be held Thursday, August 18th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory in Bowling Green with Rebecca Glenn officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday, August 17th, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory in Bowling Green.

Kali was born January 28, 1994, in Troy, MO at Lincoln County Memorial Hospital. Kali moved to Columbia, MO with her mother Nikki, when she was 7 months old and lived there until she was 27 years of age. She moved to Bowling Green, MO for a brief period and was living in Farmington, MO when she passed.

Kali was a bright light; an enormous amount of energy surrounded her. She always had time to listen and without judgement would offer a hug, a hand and a smile that would light up any room. Kali had a beautiful laugh, the kind that made people happy just hearing it. Kali enjoyed water. It didn't matter if she was on a boat, especially when wearing a sweatshirt, swimming or floating in it, or just looking at it. Three Creeks was one of her favorite parks to

take her friends and siblings to so they could rope swing. Hiking through Gans Creek and Rockbridge State Park, being grounded in nature and surrounded by trees was one of her favorite things to do. She enjoyed really loud music, lazy rainy days, the results after working out, a game of spades, bingeing Netflix, milkshakes, a nice suntan, compliments from good friends and going on last minute trips. Kali enjoyed journaling and writing poems. She became a licensed massage therapist in 2017. Anyone that had the pleasure of experiencing a massage from her knows what an extremely talented, insightful human she was.

It is impossible to capture a person in an obituary, and especially someone who's life was largely defined by addiction. Kali's relationship with addiction started when she was 17. This relationship would dominate the rest of her life. To some, Kali was just an addict. But, to most, and the ones that mattered, she was bright, funny, athletic, warm, fearless and resilient. She was a warrior. Kali could talk to anyone and when you were in her company you wanted to stay there. She was adored as a daughter, sister, niece, cousin, friend, granddaughter and mother. Being loved by Kali was an astonishing gift.

Kali loved her family, but more than anything she loved her children. After Lazarus was born in 2017 she transformed her life to be a mother to him. She loved to take him outdoors with her, whether it be to hike or to swim. And as she loved those things, so does he. Kali referred to herself as a stage 5 clinger and she clung to her son, soaking up every snuggle and sweet baby kisses.

After having Laz, Kali tried even harder to stay sober, but relapse led to her losing him for a period of time. As unbearable as that loss was she didn't give up, but continued to fight. She graduated a 20 month drug court program, wiping her record clean and earning her, her sweet son back. A fresh start. During that period of time in July of 2019 she gave birth to Arya Rose. Kali

was now working as a massage therapist and juggling an infant, toddler all the while trying to maintain her sobriety.

Unfortunately, in 2021 a relapse would lead to her losing both of her babies, a loss that was unbearable. Her disease then took her to places of incredible darkness, and this darkness compounded on itself, as each unspeakable thing that happened to her and each horrible thing she did in the name of her disease exponentially increased her pain and shame. Addiction stalked her and stole her from us.

Kali is survived by her son, Lazarus; her daughter, Arya; her parents, Nikki Deters (David) and Gus Barnes; brother, Jake; sister, Sadie; stepsisters, Gabi and Grace Deters; stepbrother, Gavin Deters; grandparents, Tom and Kathie Branstetter and Wanda Barnes; step grandmother, Elaine Deters; many aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Hugh Barnes.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to "To Write Love On Her Arms" ([www.twloha.com](http://www.twloha.com)), a movement Kali adamantly loved and supported. Memorials may also be made to Laz Barnes and Arya Parker scholarship fund.

If you yourself are struggling from addiction know that every breath is a fresh start. Know that hundreds of thousands of families who have lost someone to this disease are praying and rooting for you. Know that we believe with all our hearts that you can and will make it. It is never too late. We take comfort in knowing that Kali is surrounded by light and love, she is free from the struggle that haunted her. Our grief over losing her is infinite. And now so is she.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green

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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

BC

“ I did know Kali, but I read the beautiful tribute to her on the Tribune website. Thank you for sharing all that you did to let those know they aren't alone.

Beth C. - September 01, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ I didn't know Kali but the beautiful, honest story of her life made me feel as if I did. In my career I deal with many addicts that just break my heart. I feel like you give a ray of hope that some may break free of the horrible grip that drugs and alcohol have on them and be able to be clean the rest of their lives. RIP Kali.

Cami Ronchetto - August 28, 2022 at 02:42 PM

NS

“ I met Kali only once, when she gave me a wonderful massage at her place of business in October 2020. During the massage, my braid fell out, and because I had a broken wrist at the time, she was kind enough to rebraid my hair and also gave me the purple velvet hair tie from her own hair, which I kept and always intended to return to her. She shared a little about her life and I gave her a little now-forgotten advice. She was the sweetest person, and I so appreciate the uplifting obituary written in her honor. Please email me at [Nancysilvers@gmail.com](mailto:Nancysilvers@gmail.com) and let me know how I can contribute to the scholarship fund for her children.

Nancy Silvers - August 26, 2022 at 06:27 PM

KS

“ May God ease your grief and lift you as you remember and celebrate sweet Kali's life. She was a good friend to Caroline. Please send me an address where I can mail a check to Kali's children's scholarship fund. My email is sichtk@yahoo.com. Bless you. ❤️🙏

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**Kathy Sicht** - August 21, 2022 at 08:13 PM

PM

“ Never met Kali, nor have any idea who you folks are. But I have much experience in the disease of addiction. It knows no boundaries. I struggled for years, costing me careers, marriages, friends and more. By the Grace of God, I got sober and clean in the 80's. I feel your pain and take comfort in knowing she is free of it. She has graduated to a better place. Thank you for sharing your pain of losing a loved one from addiction.

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**philip mccullem** - August 20, 2022 at 05:32 PM

ML

*While I did not know Kali reading about her life moved me to express my appreciation for sharing her struggles and her love and beauty. God bless!*

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**Mia Lewis** - August 20, 2022 at 06:07 PM

JB

“ I am the mother of one of the 110,000 who lost their battle with addiction in 2021. My son was 22 years old when he overdosed after being sober for 2 months. Thank you for a very candid obituary and the acknowledgment of the difficulty of addiction. My son was an athlete, a band nerd, and an animal rescuer. My thoughts are with you as you go through this very heart breaking time. It doesn't get easier, you just get farther away from it. I know she knew you all loved her very much. With love- Julie A. Brown

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**Julie A. Brown** - August 20, 2022 at 02:23 PM



“ My sympathy to your family; a beautifully written tribute-thank you for sharing her story.

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**Linda Evans** - August 20, 2022 at 08:21 AM

LA

“ My heart breaks for you and your family. The life of someone trying to stay sober is never easy. I say this as someone who has been sober for many years. I'm also letting you know the loss of a child who has been struggling mentally is also hard. I want to let you know you are not alone in your grief. You did the best you could for your loved one. Sometimes, the darkness is too hard to overcome no matter how hard they are trying. It's been 20 years since my son walked out our door one night to find his solution. I promise you will find joy again. There will be days tears will fall and days you can laugh. Some of the hardest times are birthdays and holidays, along with all the firsts. But, the pain does lessen. Allow yourself to grieve in any way you need to. If it takes you years, it's what you need to do. Those who love you will accept you as you are making this journey. I pray for you and your loved ones as you begin one of the hardest journeys you will ever take.

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**Lynn Anderson** - August 18, 2022 at 11:01 PM

DH

“ I don't know you or your family, but my prayers are with you, May God wrap his arms around Kali and give her peace and happiness...God bless you all.

Debi Hager - August 17, 2022 at 09:05 PM

CH

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts & prayers are definitely with you all. I know it has to be hard to lose a child, grandchild, or any of our younger kids. Addiction is such a horrible thing now days!😭💔 And as terrifying as it is. I'm afraid it's just going to unfortunately get worse. Something I don't wish on anybody. So very sad.😭💔 I have you all in all of my prayers!❤️❤️



Chrystal - August 17, 2022 at 07:41 PM

ED

“ Thank you for your candor and honesty about her addiction. As someone in recovery I wish I had read more honest and open discussions of the consequences. God Bless you and many prayers!

Emily Dysart - August 17, 2022 at 03:54 PM



“ Sending Hugs and much needed Love to you Niki. So, So Sorry. Peace be with all.

Terry Robb - August 17, 2022 at 02:52 PM

LG

“ She was in my sister, Amber Beeler, graduating class at Rock Bridge HS. We played lots of softball together. I'm so sorry for your loss. She was a very sweet girl.

Lacrista Garrett - August 17, 2022 at 02:47 PM

HE

“ I did not know Kali. I saw this post through Aviary. Something Kali and I share. I just want to praise this family and send prayers. Thank this family for being so open about addiction. Addition needs to be talked about and this obituary was well written! She was so much more than her addiction. Sending love to the family and friends of my one of mine. ❤️

heather - August 17, 2022 at 12:52 PM

JB

“ Kali was such a lovely spirit with a kind beautiful soul. Our thoughts and hearts go out to you Nikki and your family and we know Kali is surrounded by light and love

Jackie Bulgin - August 17, 2022 at 12:19 PM



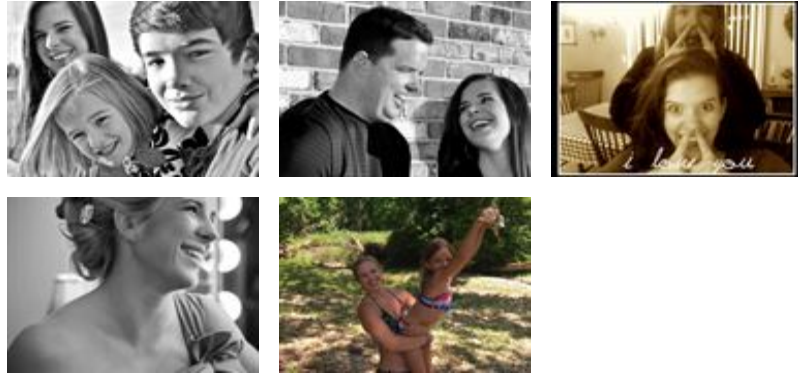
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.



August 17, 2022 at 12:04 PM



“ 317 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC.** - August 17, 2022 at 12:00 PM

EG

*I did not know her ,but, sending prayers and hugs to the family, especially the children. Ernestine Grimmett*

**Ernestine Grimmett** - August 18, 2022 at 07:18 PM

PP

“ *Sending caring thoughts and many prayers to all of Kali's family!  
Tom and Paulette Powelson*

**Paulette Powelson** - August 17, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for  
the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.*



August 17, 2022 at 08:42 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.*



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August 17, 2022 at 01:12 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.*



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August 17, 2022 at 12:40 AM



“ *Our hearts, love, and prayers go out to you. A donation to To Write Love On Her Arms was made in memory of Kali. We love you. Bob and Christina Regan*

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**Christina Regan** - August 16, 2022 at 10:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.*



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August 16, 2022 at 09:11 PM

LB

“ *Kali was such a bright light and beautiful soul. My sincerest condolences go to her family and loved ones during this difficult time. She touched so many people with her kind heart and infectious laugh. She will be missed, but never forgotten. Fly high my dear friend!*  
*Love, Layla Brown.*

Layla Brown - August 16, 2022 at 05:29 PM

RS

*Our hearts and prayers go out to Kali her children and family!!! She will be deeply missed and never forgotten.All our love!!! The Seabaugh Family.*

Rita Seabaugh - August 16, 2022 at 11:19 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.*



August 16, 2022 at 05:09 PM

CM

“ *Sadie, Nikki, and Gus*  
*I'm so so sorry to hear about what happened! I loved Kali, she was so nice to our whole team and she was such a good help at our softball practices. I love you guys so much and miss you. If you ever need anything let me know.*  
*Love Carly MacLellan*



Carly MacLellan - August 16, 2022 at 04:26 PM

DJ

“ *Derrick Jensen purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.*



Derrick Jensen - August 16, 2022 at 02:51 PM

RT

“ *Ron, Dawn Marie and Rosie Turner purchased the Your Heart Water Globe for the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.*



Ron, Dawn Marie and Rosie Turner - August 16, 2022 at 12:24 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.*



August 16, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.*



August 16, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.



August 16, 2022 at 11:04 AM



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“ Nikki I'm so sorry for your loss , keeping you and your loved ones in many loving and comforting prayers 🙏🌹 . Kelly Davison (Harness)

**Kelly Davison** - August 16, 2022 at 11:02 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.



August 16, 2022 at 10:19 AM

LT

“ Love - Janel Twehous purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.



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**Love - Janel Twehous** - August 16, 2022 at 10:13 AM

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“ Allison Twyman (Brown) purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.



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**Allison Twyman (Brown)** - August 16, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.



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August 16, 2022 at 09:35 AM

KP

“ Nikki, I am so sorry. You and your family are in my prayers. Kathy Pritchett

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**Kathy Pritchett** - August 16, 2022 at 04:17 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.



August 15, 2022 at 10:56 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.



August 15, 2022 at 10:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.



August 15, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.



August 15, 2022 at 04:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.*



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August 15, 2022 at 01:15 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kali Nicolle Barnes.*



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August 15, 2022 at 12:21 PM