



Jennifer Anne Novakoske

May 22, 1975 - February 11, 2019

Jennifer Anne Novakoske, a resident of Chicago, Illinois passed away on Monday, February 11, 2019 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago due to a pulmonary embolism. A Celebration of Life will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Loyola University (Water Tower Campus) in Kasbeer Hall (top floor of Corboy Center) in Chicago, Illinois.

A Celebration of Life will also be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the University of Minnesota (McNamara Center) in the Johnson Great Room in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Jennifer was born on May 22, 1975 in Staples, Minnesota to Larry and Kathy (Schaffer) Novakoske. She grew up in Little Falls, Minnesota. She received her undergraduate degree from the College of St. Benedict in 1997, her Master's Degree from St. Cloud University in 2000, and her Doctorate in Psychology from the University of St. Thomas in 2007. She began her career as a Clinical Psychologist and transitioned to working in Business/HR Consulting, working for PDI (Personnel Decisions International) in Minneapolis and then Chicago. She continued HR Consulting with PepsiCo and Strategic Talent Solutions in Chicago, and most recently worked as the Director of Talent Management at Golub Capital in Chicago. She was also an adjunct professor at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

Jennifer lived a life full of energy. She had a love for a great many things in

her life. She enjoyed watching and participating in many sports. She was an avid runner and competed in multiple races across the country. Jennifer's love for tennis started when she was a child and she proceeded to play on the Little Falls Flyers varsity tennis team. She continued to play as an adult and participated in a tennis league in Chicago. Jennifer was passionate about traveling and visited numerous countries around the world including Thailand, Singapore, Brazil, Poland, Germany, the UK, Hong Kong, The Netherlands and many others. She loved traveling to beaches and mountains of California, which she visited multiple times every year. Music was always special to Jennifer. She grew up playing the piano and trumpet. As an adult, she enjoyed seeing live music with Seth and her friends, especially her favorite band Pearl Jam. Jennifer's family included her beloved pets. She grew up with the numerous cats and the family dog, Casey. Later in life, she adopted Chloe and Meisha who lived to be 16 and 18 years, respectively. In 2017, she welcomed her new cat, Gracie Lou Howard, into her life. Jennifer and Grace loved listening to Seth play guitar in their home. Jennifer was a huge support to her nephew, Gavin. She believed that there will be advances in treatment or even a cure for epilepsy in his lifetime. In honor of that, memorials are preferred to the Epilepsy Foundation.

Jennifer is survived by her significant other, Seth Howard of Chicago; her father Larry (Mary Kay) Novakoske of Little Falls, MN; her mother Kathy (David) Zimmer of Royalton, MN; her sisters Michelle (Neil) of New Orleans, LA, Kristin and her son Gavin (Jennifer's endeared nephew and godchild) of Wyoming, MN; many aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends.

Memorials are preferred to the Epilepsy Foundation. www.epilepsy.com/donate

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 9. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Loyola University Water Tower Campus
111 E Pearson St.
Chicago, IL 60611

Celebration of Life

MAR 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

University of Minnesota - McNamara Alumni Center
200 SE Oak Street
Minneapolis, MN 55455

Tribute Wall



“ *Jennifer Anne Novakoske*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jennifer Anne Novakoske.*



March 28, 2019 at 06:44 PM



“ *Alli (Monahan) Jacobson & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jennifer Anne Novakoske.*



Alli (Monahan) Jacobson & Family - March 21, 2019 at 10:26 PM



“ *Chicago Direct Lending - Golub Capital purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Jennifer Anne Novakoske.*



Chicago Direct Lending - Golub Capital - March 07, 2019 at 03:15 PM

SC

“ Dear Kathy & Dave, Michelle & Kristin, Such a tragic loss. My heart goes out to you. Thoughts and Prayers are with you during this time of grief.



Stephanie Schaffer Cary - March 06, 2019 at 09:17 AM

DB

“ Debra Burrow purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jennifer Anne Novakoske.



Debra Burrow - March 04, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jennifer Anne Novakoske.



March 03, 2019 at 12:57 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jennifer Anne Novakoske.



March 01, 2019 at 11:19 AM

FC

“ From Duggan, Groom, Mike, Paul, And Charlie purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Jennifer Anne Novakoske.



From Duggan, Groom, Mike, Paul, And Charlie - February 28, 2019 at 05:48 PM

JJ

“ john patrick duggan j purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jennifer Anne Novakoske.



john patrick duggan j - February 28, 2019 at 05:41 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jennifer Anne Novakoske.



February 28, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jennifer Anne Novakoske.



February 28, 2019 at 10:32 AM

JO

“ To Jen's family and to Seth -

I want you all to know that I am sad every day I come to work and don't get to talk and laugh and share with my friend Jen. Her smile brightened every day for me and her absence is palatable on both a personal and professional level. While our time together was brief, her impact was extraordinary - I will remember her always with a big beautiful grin on her face!

I can only imagine how her absence is effecting you each as well. Sending the most sincere prayers and condolences to all.

*best,
Jocelyn Bluth*

Jocelyn - February 27, 2019 at 11:14 AM

MC

“ While I did not work with Jen closely, during every meeting I attended with her, Jen would light up the room with her cheery, enthusiastic, and kind personality. She is deeply missed.

My sincere condolences to family and friends.

Megan Chadwick - February 26, 2019 at 09:49 AM

EB

“ Such a bright smile and always so kind. Our dear colleague Jennifer will be missed.

My deepest condolences to family and friends.

Eleanor

Eleanor Boone - February 24, 2019 at 12:36 AM

BA

“ Dear Kathy & David, Larry & Mary Kay, Michelle, Kristin, Gavin and Seth,

My deepest sympathies go out to each of you. Losing someone as special as Jennifer is such a difficult loss. She held a special place in each member of my family's hearts. We loved her like a sister, an auntie and a friend. Hoping you can find some comfort and peace knowing Jen was such a lover of life and lived all her days to the fullest. She was one of the best of the best.

Love to you all - Betsy (Gehant), Andrew, James and Adam

Betsy Alperstein - February 23, 2019 at 12:09 PM

KK

“ Our prayers to the family



Ken and Kathy Kloss - February 21, 2019 at 07:40 PM

LJ

“ Larry, MaryLu, Kathy and David
My deepest heartfelt sympathy to all of you.
You are in my prayers.



Lorraine Decker Janski - February 21, 2019 at 07:31 PM

LJ

I'm sorry I meant Mary Kay

Lorraine Decker Janski - February 21, 2019 at 07:34 PM

BS

“ While I worked with Jen only sparingly, each of our interactions was warm and sincere. Every meeting we attended together, Jen's smile and positive aura was always present.

Rest in peace, Jen.

Bobby Schuster - February 21, 2019 at 06:37 PM

DC

“ Novakoske Family and Seth,

My heart goes out all of you for the pain you are suffering. I have not stopped thinking about her since I heard the sad news. Although I only knew Jennifer for a short period of time, she was an amazing, beautiful, and such a sweet person. My heartfelt condolences to all of you.

Donna Chickerillo

Donna Chickerillo - February 21, 2019 at 04:07 PM

AH

“ Larry and Mary Kay, and Jennifer's family, I am so saddened to hear of your loss. I can't even imagine the feelings of losing a child, no matter the age. May God be with you at this sad time of your lives.

Arlene and Harvey Hansmann

Arlene Hansmann - February 20, 2019 at 07:32 PM

SC

“ Kathy, Larry, Michelle, Kristin and Seth - I can hardly find the words to express my sadness and that you all have to go through this tremendous loss as well. Jennifer and I shared so many amazing times. I had planned for us to grow old and always find ways to keep re-connecting, laughing and supporting. She meant so much to me and I will miss her forever. Sending you all my love and support. Sarah (Shelley) Clark

Sarah Clark - February 20, 2019 at 05:39 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Let your memories sustain you all. Our prayers will be with you.

Karen Haaland - February 20, 2019 at 10:47 AM

DJ

“ Dear Novakoske Family, So sorry for your loss. God Bless you all.



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - February 20, 2019 at 10:12 AM

TE

“ Larry and Family: So sorry for your loss. I was a high school classmate of Jenny's. She was always so nice and easy to talk to and had one of the best laughs ever. She was so well liked and was our homecoming queen 1993. Rest in the peace of Christ.

Terry - February 20, 2019 at 09:27 AM

TZ

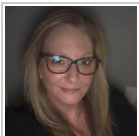
“ Kathy, Larry, Michelle, Kristin & Seth, My deepest sympathies on the loss of Jennifer. This is truly shocking and heartbreaking. Heaven has a gained a beautiful soul. I have many memories with Jennifer, childhood and high school, that I will cherish. I was fortunate to reconnect with her at our high school class reunion and as always, she wore that welcoming smile and had that contagious laugh. We filled in the gaps of the past years of our lives and I told her how proud I was of her accomplishments. Talking with her was always so easy and dancing all night was the best! She was beautiful, talented and a loving human being and I'm glad I knew her! Keeping all of you in my prayers and sending love your way. Let the wonderful memories of Jennifer try to comfort you in this difficult time of grief 🙏❤️
Tonya Zimmerman

Tonya Zimmerman - February 19, 2019 at 08:39 PM

TA

“ Larry, Mary Kay, Kathy & family. We are so sorry to hear of your loss of Jennifer. Our prayers and sympathy to you and the family. Tony & Judy Armbrust

Tony Armbrust - February 19, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ Sending lots of love and prayers to you all!
Jennifer will be missed by so many people!



Jody Anderson - February 19, 2019 at 01:18 PM

MG

“ Mike And Bev (Zak) Gangl lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Anne Novakoske



Mike and Bev (Zak) Gangl - February 19, 2019 at 08:55 AM

CS

“ Kathy, Dave, Michelle and Kristen,
It's a terrible shock to hear about Jennifer. Our hearts go out to you.
Deepest sympathies to you and family.
Chuck and Mona Schaffer

Charles Schaffer - February 18, 2019 at 10:49 PM

PL

“ Kathy and David, Larry and Mary Kay and family,
Words cannot express how sorry we are for the loss of Jennifer. We
will keep her in our hearts and on our minds FOREVER.
Dave and Patty Lutzwick

Patty Lutzwick - February 18, 2019 at 07:11 PM

MN

Patty, thank you so much for your kind words. She loved your John so much. Hopefully they're with each other now.

michelle novakoske - February 18, 2019 at 10:12 PM

JC

“ We are so heartbroken to here about your loss, our hearts go out to each any every family member and friends. God Bless!

John Crary - February 18, 2019 at 04:42 PM

DW

“ *Duane Witucki lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Anne Novakoske*



Duane Witucki - February 18, 2019 at 04:14 PM

LS

“ *Kathy, Dave, Michelle, Kristin, Gavin, Seth and Larry - Heaven has gained the most beautiful soul! I know your world will not be the same without Jennifer but I hope all the wonderful memories of the times you shared with her will get you through the hardest days. Love and prayers. Lynda*

Lynda Schaffer - February 18, 2019 at 03:22 PM

MN

Thank you for your beautiful words, Lynda. Love you.

michelle novakoske - February 18, 2019 at 10:10 PM

SP

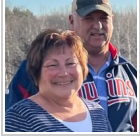
Kathy and Larry and family members we were so saddened to hear of the loss of Jennifer. She sounds like an awesome person. It is so hard to lose a child. Our thoughts and prayers are coming your way. Peace to you and hoping all the beautiful memories of her will sustain you. Love you guys. Sandra and Bob Pierce

Sandra Pierce - February 18, 2019 at 11:00 PM

BT

Kathy, Larry & Family , our Deepest Sympathies on the loss of your beautiful daughter . Our thoughts & prayer are with you & all the family as you deal with this great hole in all your hearts . Love , Barb and Scott Thompson

Barb & Scott Thompson - February 20, 2019 at 01:56 AM



“ Hugs and prayers for Larry and Mary Kay and Kathy and Dave. 🙏

Mary Marsolek - February 18, 2019 at 12:28 PM

DL

“ Our hearts, thoughts & prayers are with all of you & we hope you find strength in your faith, family & friends & the many wonderful memories of Jennifer that you carry in your hearts. Our sincerest sympathy.....Love, Dawn & Brad Laager

Dawn & Brad Laager - February 18, 2019 at 11:21 AM

AY

“ Larry and Mary Kay---We are so sorry for your loss of your daughter Jennifer-- Our prayers and sympathy go out to you and you families. Sincerely -Jerome and Audrey

Audrey Yourczek - February 18, 2019 at 10:05 AM