



Elizabeth Suzanne May

July 24, 1969 - July 13, 2015

Elizabeth Suzanne May, a former naturalist-interpreter and resident of Fayetteville, AR, died unexpectedly on July 13, 2015 at the age of 45 at home. Elizabeth is survived by her parents; Charlene DeVito (Chris), Harrison AR and Alan May (Ann), Gastonia, NC; her sister Lindsay Hennarichs (Kyle), Springdale, AR; her brother Brandon DeVito (Amy), Bryant, AR; her children, Dustin Stanearth and Sierra Burnham, Fayetteville, AR; her grandmother, Jeanetta May, Little Rock, AR; uncles Joe Mains (Shari), Fayetteville, AR, and Doug Mains (Joanie), Centralia, MO; aunts Mary Ella Krebs (Eric), Meadow Vista, CA, Janet Wilkerson (Don), Austin TX, and Cynthia May, Austin, AR. She is predeceased by her grandmother, Mary L. Mains; and her grandfathers, L. Charles Mains and Jack May. Elizabeth was born in Biloxi, MS on July 24, 1969 to Alan May and Charlene Mains. She graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1996 with a degree in Earth Science and worked as an Interpreter-Naturalist for Pinnacle Mountain State Park, Little Rock, AR. On December 6, 1989 and February 2, 1999, she welcomed Dustin and Sierra respectively, who were an important part of her life. Elizabeth enjoyed hiking and backpacking in the Boston Mountains, lived in Indonesia and Bahrain and traveled to France, and was a musician and singer. She also enjoyed trips to Holden Beach, NC and visiting the NC Aquarium at Southport, NC, and the Schiele Museum of Natural History on her frequent visits to Gastonia, NC. She enjoyed playing the piano and beadwork. She designed and crafted bracelets, necklaces, and jewelry as well as crafted fragrances for the home

and bath. She will be deeply missed by her friends, family, and all who knew her. A celebration of her life is planned for August 22, 2015 at the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM in Fayetteville, AR. Condolences may be offered online at Brashears Funeral Home, Huntsville, Arkansas www.brashearsfuneralhome.net.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ I was so sorry to hear of Elizabeth's unexpected passing. I only met her once when my brother Paul Burnham introduced her at our reunion. She was a beautiful young lady. I'm sure she is missed by every one who knew her. She had an interesting life.

MaryKay Burnham - August 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BU

“ I'm sorry we couldn't have helped you more. You were a beautiful person and deserved more from life than what you had.

Bob Underdown - August 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ My deepest condolences to the entire May family. Thinking of you all during this difficult time. -Becky

Rebecca Bubp - August 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Like everyone else I was saddened to learn of Elizabeth's passing. She worked as an Interpretive Naturalist in the State Park where I was Superintendent and I believe she spent some of her happiest days there. She loved leading groups of kids on Interpretive hikes down the Kingfisher Trail, or demonstrating the "Native American Tool Chest" to classrooms filled with children.

Elizabeth was paradoxical. She could be both tough and fragile, and at the same time she could be both energetic and quiet. At times she was a study in contrasts. She told me once her dream job would have been to work as a Meteorologist, explaining how the weather works and doing the forecast every night on TV. Doesn't that sound like a Teacher? They live to explain complicated things in a simple way.

At heart, Elizabeth was a Performer. She could brighten up a room with her smile and clear voice. I'm sorry her time here was so brief... it gave her no opportunity for a third and final act. Even with her early departure she has taught us a great lesson in life: we never know when our final curtain will close. I hope she finds the peace she was seeking, and I extend my sincere, heartfelt condolences to her family.

Randy Frazier - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ I met Liz in college and we were close. We lost touch some time ago. I'm so deeply sorry to hear this. I will miss her.

Dana Austin - August 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Elizabeth and I shared a grad office in Ozark Hall at the UA. She was smart, warm, friendly, had a streak of bohemian, and loved her tie-dye and peasant-style skirts. I ran into her unexpectedly a few years ago and, even with some difficulties at the time, she was still funny and effervescent. I have thought about her frequently since that encounter. I am saddened by her death and am glad that I got to know her, however briefly.

Terri Phelan - August 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ We knew Liz as a friend of our daughter, especially during her high school and college days. We admired her tenacity and accomplishments and remember playing with very young Dustin in our front yard. We are very saddened by her untimely death.

Tom and Mary Kennedy - August 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I met Elizabeth on a bus in Fayetteville and she was looking for a place to stay. I was shaken to the bone at reading this obit. It is such a small world....I've been wondering about her. Now I know....she really missed her kids...and it showed. My deepest heartfelt sympathies to those children she left behind. I knew from our brief talks she loved nature and living in it. May she rest in peace and may God comfort her family.

Linden Frank - August 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Very sorry I can't be there in person, but glad I could at least 'virtually' participate. It was a shock to hear of Elizabeth's passing, even though it had been years since I had seen or spoken with her. Obviously I wish that could be reversed ... I'm so glad to have known her to the extent I did. She was a beautiful, quiet, talented, intelligent, and loving force of Nature. It saddens me to know she is gone*

Michael Eldredge & Tricia Goodell - July 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Alan & Ann, we were so sorry to hear of Elizabeth's passing. Wish I had the words to ease your heart, just know we all have you in our thoughts & prayers. May the Good Lord give you all the strength & comfort you need not just now but in the days to come as well.*

*Love you guys,
Debbie Evans & Bill Evans*

Debbie & Bill - July 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Sending much love and light to your friends and family. May your journey be swift and beautiful, and may your spirit be at peace. I only met you once, but I remember we shared a love of Stevie Nicks. Rock on, Gold Dust Woman....the spirit is strong.*

Laura Morgan - July 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Miss you ! Peace&Love*

Lou Miller - July 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *My love & sympathy to Alan & all the family. Unfortunately, the only ones I know are Alan & Ann and Sierra, but my deepest prayers are with all.*

Charlton

Charlton K. Torrence, Jr. - July 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM