



## Jessica Lauren Yates

November 9, 1999 - March 7, 2021

Jessica Lauren Yates of Hurricane, West Virginia passed from this life to be with the Lord on March 7, 2021. Jessica was born November 9, 1999 to Michael and Beverly Yates.

Jessica had a smile that would light up the room as she entered it and touched everyone's heart. She had many talents. She played the piano beautifully, loved playing tennis and her voice was breathtaking as she sang.

Jessica was attending Marshall University and was to graduate this May 1st with a bachelors degree in Health Science. She was planning to enter the social work program. She was doing exceptionally well and remained on the deans list. She loved helping others and recently called her Mother to hear the letter read aloud that she had written to the University while applying for acceptance into the program. She had big dreams.

Jessica was a math tutor at Marshall University and was a 3-year member of the American Red Cross. She also volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House and loved it. Jessica loved children and life. She meant the world to her Mother and Father.

One of her friends said, "she was the most impactful person that has ever walked into their life." What an amazing thing to say for such an extraordinary

young lady.

She walked this earth for just 21 short years but will live through her Father and Mother, friends and families whose lives she has touched forever.

Jessica is survived by her Mother and Father, Beverly and Michael Yates of Hurricane, West Virginia, Grandfather, Grant Allen Yates of Ormond Beach Florida, Grandmother Barbara Rowe of Fairmont, West Virginia and Grandfather Wilbur M. Smith of Fairmont, West Virginia.

She was preceded in death by the late Carol Lee Yates Grandmother, the late Rachel E. Yates step Grandmother, the late Suzanne Smith step Grandmother, the late George P. Rowe step Grandfather and the late Grant Allen Yates Jr. uncle.

Jessica was especially fond of her Uncle Rick Marcena of Fort Lauderdale Florida. He knew she was destined to change this world and do great things and was always there for her.

She spoke often with Aunt Heidi Goff of Fairmont, West Virginia. They would chat for hours. Heidi knew she had a bright future and treated her like one of her own.

Jessica's Grandfather Allen Yates was especially fond of her. He said, "she was the daughter he never had." She adored him and could not wait to go to her "happy place" as she called it.

Others that held a special place in their heart for Jessica were her Great Aunt Kim and Uncle Bill from Fairmont, West Virginia. Her Uncle Mike and Aunt Tabby of Grant Town, West Virginia, Great Uncle Preston from Kokomo Indiana and his late wife Melissa, her Great Aunt Shirley of Russiaville,

Indiana. We cannot forget her rowdy puppy Boomer, which her Mom and Dad will cherish him and love him for the rest of his life.

A piece of us died with you on the Morning of March 7th. Mom and Dad love you more than words could ever describe. Fly high my darling. Momma and Daddy love you. Until we meet again....

Funeral service will be held at 2:00pm Saturday March 13, 2021 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane with Pastor Charles V. Williams officiating. A private burial will be held at Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes.

Visitation will be from 6-8pm Friday at the funeral home.

You may share memories of Jessica by visiting her tribute page at [ChapmanFuneralHomes.com](http://ChapmanFuneralHomes.com)

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Yates family.

# Cemetery Details

## Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens

5233 Rocky Fork Road  
Cross Lanes, WV 25313

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane  
3941 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526  
(304) 757-7531  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jessica Lauren Yates



Chapman Funeral Homes - March 12, 2021 at 08:46 AM



“ Jessica Lauren Yates

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ Sorry for the family loss

dana - December 01, 2021 at 07:20 PM



“ Jessica was a beautiful, smart, talented young woman. As her senior Civics teacher, I knew she was destined for great things. Such a sweet soul gone too soon but never forgotten.

Mariah - March 15, 2021 at 09:39 PM

LJ

“ Jessica was a beautiful person inside and out. She had a smile that would brighten up any room. I am so thankful for the time we had with her here at the Ronald McDonald House she will be truly missed. Sending prayers for her family.

LISA JORDAN

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**lisa jordan** - March 13, 2021 at 04:33 PM

EC

“ Jess was one of my best friends. I've been friends with her since Kindergarten. she always lit up the room when she walked in and completely filled my heart with laughter and love. She'd always send me positive quotes and tell me how much she cared for me and that she hoped i was doing okay. We have some crazy fun memories that i'll cherish forever. I love you Jess. now and forever.

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**Emma Crouch** - March 13, 2021 at 03:15 PM

KB

“ Jess was one of the first friends I made when I started college. I met her through my cousin, Alyssa. She was always super nice and would do anything for anyone. I'm going to miss our crazy adventures from my Freshman year. I just want Jess's family to know that I was planning on coming to the services this weekend, but I have been quarantined due to covid-19.

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**Katie Blankenship** - March 13, 2021 at 12:53 PM

MP

“ Loved you as a friend miss you so much already and will be missed thank you for the great times in class!! To her family prayers for all of you!!

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**madison peters** - March 13, 2021 at 12:37 PM

WF

“ *With Sympathy from Marshall Health Science Faculty purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jessica Lauren Yates.*



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**With Sympathy from Marshall Health Science Faculty** - March 13, 2021 at 10:44 AM

MC

“ *Our hearts go out to each of Jess' family members. She was such a bright light at the Ronald McDonald House and her cheerful spirit and helping hands will be greatly missed.*  
*Michele Craig*

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**Michele Craig** - March 12, 2021 at 09:54 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jessica Lauren Yates.*



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March 12, 2021 at 08:40 PM

SH

“ *We are very sorry for the loss of this beautiful young lady, Many prayers to you and your family. Ray and Susan Hage, RMH Board member.*

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**Susan Hage** - March 12, 2021 at 06:46 PM

BM

“ So very sorry for your loss.



Becky and Bruce Martin - March 12, 2021 at 05:22 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Jessica Lauren Yates.

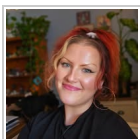


March 12, 2021 at 04:51 PM

SW

“ As a member of the Ronald McDonald House Board of Directors, I know that Jessica's kindness, enthusiasm, and commitment will be very missed. RMH is so blessed to have known Jessica as a friend and supporter. Your family will be in my prayers.

Sarah Walling - March 12, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ Jessica, I'm so grateful for the time I knew you. You were vibrant, funny, and someone who wasn't afraid to be herself. You took up space in the best way possible - the room just had a positive energy when you were in it. You fit in with your RMH family perfectly, and you will always be deeply missed by all of us.

Olivia Zarilla - March 12, 2021 at 03:39 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jessica Lauren Yates.*



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March 12, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ *To the family & friends of Jessica, my deepest condolences to you all!*

*I know that she had such an impact on those lives she crossed at the Ronald Mcdonald House!*

*We are beyond grateful for the enthusiasm and dedication that she brought to the house and all she did.*

*Her amazing personality and energy will be greatly missed.*

*RIP sweet girl!*

*Brandi Jones*

*Board Member for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Huntington*

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**Brandi Jones** - March 12, 2021 at 01:46 PM

WN

“ I met Jess for the first time just last week. I stopped by the Ronald McDonald House for a visit and Jaye introduced me to the House’s new intern and volunteer...it was Jess. Although we only talked for a few minutes, I walked away thinking what a wonderful young lady. Volunteering is not something I would have thought about during my college years. She seemed so excited to be volunteering, to be a part of the House; what a wonderful thing to see, a young lady giving up her own time to help others. She was so grateful for the opportunity and the House was grateful to have her. Prayers for the entire family.

Wade Newell  
Ronald McDonald House Board of Directors

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Wade Newell - March 12, 2021 at 01:19 PM

JC

“ Jessica was a beautiful and intelligent young lady full of energy and enthusiasm. You could feel her presence as soon as she entered the Ronald McDonald House. She brought joy to the staff, volunteers, and guest families. We felt like we had known her forever in just a short period of time. She was so friendly and inviting. We wish we had gotten more time with her. It just doesn't seem possible that she's gone. Sending love and prayers to her family and friends. I'm so sorry for your loss.

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Julie Childers - March 12, 2021 at 11:41 AM

JT

“ Oh, Jess! It's fitting that it's raining today. Ronald McDonald House is so much quieter without your big laugh. I keep replaying in my mind when you'd say "So, what's a girl gotta do to work here?" You were such a character, and I loved it.

We plan to add a brick in our serenity garden at RMH with your name on it. We know you wanted to be here, so we'll make it so! I just haven't been able to decide what to write on it. You were so full of life - I want the message to be the same - not or sad or stuffy. Not a headstone, but a celebration of this huge-hearted blondie who made a gigantic impact on us, in such little time.

We miss you already!

Jaye & the whole crew at Ronald McDonald House Huntington



Jaye Toler - March 12, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jessica Lauren Yates.



March 12, 2021 at 07:42 AM

AR

“ I’m gonna miss you so much Jessica and all the memories we had together & I love you now and forever



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**Angela Roach** - March 11, 2021 at 09:28 PM

LW

“ So sorry for your loss. Jessica was a beautiful young lady with an amazing smile & charisma. She will be missed.

*Mark & Lisa Waters  
Ormond Beach*

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**Lisa Waters** - March 11, 2021 at 08:28 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jessica Lauren Yates.



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March 11, 2021 at 08:26 PM

KT

“ I remember Jessica liked playing badminton with her Uncle Bill at a cookout we had at Melissa's house when she was little. Jessica said to Bill, "You know, Aunt Melissa and mom were right, you are like a big kid", because no one else would play with her.

I also remembers when Jessica was rooting for me to win, when I was shooting pool; and playing 'I spy with my little eye'. Jessica was the sweetest child. This child grew up to be such an amazing young lady.

*Aunt Kim Thompson*

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**Kimberly Thompson** - March 11, 2021 at 08:23 PM

LB

“ Love, Great Aunt Kim & Uncle Bill purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jessica Lauren Yates.



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**Love, Great Aunt Kim & Uncle Bill** - March 11, 2021 at 08:07 PM



“ Mary Payne lit a candle in memory of Jessica Lauren Yates



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**Mary Payne** - March 11, 2021 at 08:03 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Jessica Lauren Yates.*



March 11, 2021 at 07:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jessica Lauren Yates.*



March 11, 2021 at 06:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jessica Lauren Yates.*



March 11, 2021 at 05:51 PM



“ *Momma and Daddy love you now and forever and we will continue to go forward as a family with you in our hearts until we see each other again..*

**Momma and Daddy** - March 11, 2021 at 02:21 PM

TS

*I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family as you grieve the loss of a life gone too soon. Tina, Ken and Hannah Smith*

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**Tina Smith** - March 11, 2021 at 09:37 PM