



Erica Nicole Gieras

August 15, 1980 - July 13, 2017

Erica N. (nee Passaloukos) Gieras, age 36 of Lake Station passed away on July 13, 2017. She was a graduate of Portage High School, Class of 1999. Erica graduated from DeVry University where she received her Master's degree in Information Systems. She was employed as a Computer Programmer at Sargent and Lundy in Chicago. Erica is survived by her husband- Mark P. Gieras; son- Levi Klein of Laporte; parents- Stanley Passaloukos (Kathy Hopper) of Portage; brothers- Shaun Cruz; sisters- Yecenia Peterman- Feliz, Alexandra Cruz; in-laws- David (Theresa) Clark. Friends are invited to visit with Erica's family on Saturday, July 22, 2017 from 1 p.m. until the time of the Memorial service at 7 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **22.** 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

 Scott
Mina
Ivani

“ Erica..I am in shock. I just heard of your passing today. I am heartbroken. I even sent you a message in Messenger last month greeting you on your birthday and asking which MasterChef contestant are you rooting for. I was also thinking about messaging you about our birthday downtown Chicago outing but I got busy. I really wish I was able to visit you at your service.

Your energy and kindness resonated with everyone and I love the little quirks that you have (I still don't understand why you like spiders). I am still in disbelief as I type this. You were such a great person and an amazing friend. We had so much fun together..I still remember the cupcakes, the shopping at ULTA and our coffee outings. I am Dunkin Donuts girl and you love Starbucks but still we get along like no other. Whenever I got in to the office at Sargent and Lundy, stopping by at your cube to chat is one of the best times of my day. I still remember that time when you called Child Services when we saw this little child outside unattended and under the summer sun. That's the kind of amazing person you are.

I will surely miss you my friend. I know we haven't talked in awhile and it just sucks that the last time I said hi..I had no idea you were gone. We really can't take life for granted.

I will pray for you and also your family... at least I can find comfort in knowing that I was one of the lucky ones who got to know you in your short time here. I miss you terribly.

Scott Mina Ivani - September 19, 2017 at 11:40 AM

ER

“ Thank you Erica for all the kindness you have given me. I really wanted to talk to you more, we had so many like interests... I love you and I am so grateful you were in my life. You are an inspiration to me. You were such a great friend to me. Many tears were shed. We had a few ideas bouncing off each other and so so many future conversations that we never got to have. I will start putting those care packages together in your memory to give out later this summer. Thank you thank you thank you. I never forgot you. I still talk about you sometimes. I really couldn't believe it until I found this page just now. Truly unexpected.

Ethyl Ruehman - July 22, 2017 at 10:29 PM

FM

“ My condolences to Mark and the family.

Erica was my partner in crime. I don't know that I can go back to the Starbucks on Michigan ave without thinking of you. We would take advantage of all their freebies and deals - to the point of abuse. I remember years ago when they had the limited edition travel mug that got you a free espresso drink for a month. We purposely went every day, multiple times a day, just to stick it to them. The following month was the worst, detoxing from the excessive amounts of espresso drinks we consumed. They never had the mug again, and we joked that we were the cause, that they lost a ton of money because of us.

That's just one story of many. Thank you for coming into my life. Your weird matched my weird. Miss you forever wifey!



Frances Mandin-Vicari - July 22, 2017 at 01:57 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Erica Nicole Gieras.



July 22, 2017 at 10:27 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Erica Nicole Gieras.



July 21, 2017 at 01:07 PM



“ Erica, I can't put into words how much I will miss seeing you at the gym. From the head nod and the let's do this attitude, to the amazing sense of humor you had and let's not forget those crazy WORKOUT PANTS. For the last 3 years there was not a single day that you failed to bring entertainment and excitement to my day. I will miss you, my friend. My thoughts are with your family. -Tony Perry

Tony Perry - July 21, 2017 at 10:18 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Erica Nicole Gieras.



July 21, 2017 at 09:52 AM

SY

“ Erica; my quad mate, my environmentalist friend, and pop can ring collector, you will surely be missed. May you rest in peace and may God give Mark and your family the strength to coop with this tragic loss. You will surely be missed in what used to be “the coolest quad”.

P.S. Dan and I promise to continue collecting the can rings for good causes.

Sargon Yalda

Sargon Yalda - July 21, 2017 at 07:57 AM

WF

“ The most beautiful and crazy heart and soul.
We love you Erica Gieras and you are part of us forever. You live in our hearts.

She was my niece by love. To Mark, Levi and all my family, we love you.

*Wanda, Lindsay Elias & fmly.
West Lafayette, IN*

Wanda, Lindsay Elias & fmly - July 21, 2017 at 04:46 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Erica Nicole Gieras.



July 21, 2017 at 01:18 AM

MC

“ *May you find some comfort knowing others care. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Erica Nicole Gieras.*



May you find some comfort knowing others care. - July 20, 2017 at 11:36 PM

RA

“ *You will me missed, Erica. Rest in Peace.*
Rama Ayer



Rama Ayer - July 20, 2017 at 10:23 PM

MG

“ *Martha and Eric Gieras purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Erica Nicole Gieras.*



Martha and Eric Gieras - July 19, 2017 at 10:52 PM

VG

“ *Victoria Gieras purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Erica Nicole Gieras.*



Victoria Gieras - July 19, 2017 at 10:49 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Erica Nicole Gieras.*



July 19, 2017 at 10:17 PM



“ *Mark Gieras purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Erica Nicole Gieras.*



Mark Gieras - July 19, 2017 at 08:58 PM



“ *Mark Gieras purchased the Meadows of Memories for the family of Erica Nicole Gieras.*



Mark Gieras - July 19, 2017 at 08:52 PM



“ *Condolences to Mark & Erica's family in this time of sadness.
Scott & Kathy Witt*

Scott - July 19, 2017 at 07:13 AM

DT

“ *Dave & Terry purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Erica Nicole Gieras.*



Dave & Terry - July 18, 2017 at 10:25 PM

ML

“ *MEREDITH I LONG purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Erica Nicole Gieras.*



MEREDITH I LONG - July 18, 2017 at 06:42 PM

EG

“ *Erica, I know you will be meeting alot of our family, including dogs. They will be sharing their story's, just as you will be share yours, to bring them up to date. Martha and I are going to miss how your eyes would light up every time, holding or looking at Victoria. It brought Joy to Martha and I, to see how much you loved her. We hate that God had to take you so early, but I know he has made you a Guardian Angel. We know you will be watching over us and when it rains, you will be sending us kisses. You left Mark with big shoes to fill as an Uncle, as he has to make sure Victoria knows everything about you. Love ya and Miss you, Victoria, Martha and Eric Gieras.*

Eric Gieras - July 18, 2017 at 05:29 PM

EP

“ Edsel Panlaqui purchased the Beautiful Heart Bo
uquet for the family of Erica Nicole Gieras.



Edsel Panlaqui - July 18, 2017 at 03:33 PM

YF

“ My chicken wing. So many great moments together growing up. I
love you ❤️ Wonderful sister, wife, mother, daughter, cousin, niece,
granddaughter aunt and friend to many. Always encouraging in any
situation. Great personality 😊

Yecenia Feliz - July 18, 2017 at 02:12 PM

TS

“ Erica will be missed. The one time I tried to work out with you on the
trampolines I couldn't move for a few days. You always went hard in
everything you did in your life. One of my Ericaisms "A pound of fat
weighs the same as a pound of muscle". She was always good for
those!

One time we were headed to a funeral together and Erica said
"Come on, let's go we'll put the "Fun" in funeral". I never thought I
would be attending yours so soon... It still brings tears to my eyes.

PS. You still owe me 5 bucks. Don't think I forgot. I will be collecting
when I see you next!

-Tim Sloyan

Tim Sloyan - July 18, 2017 at 11:56 AM

DJ

“ Erica always tried to put on a tough façade but she was truly one of the kindest people I have ever known. She always tried to make the world better in everything she did, from taking in stray cats, being a big sister to a neighborhood kid, befriending local panhandlers, to supporting companies that made environmentally conscious choices, and when she was a secret Santa, she was more generous with those kids than I am with my own.

You knew she truly loved those around her, when you became friends with Erica, you would find her getting you free passes to the gym or negotiating for better prices on your behalf; she would always remember your birthday and want to make a bigger deal about it than you did. She was always in some kind of group project, the running group, the sewing group, the rock climbing group, the ugly sweater contest, every Pot luck lunch and every Community of Practice she could find. And in every one of those groups she would be the most present person, sometime cracking a joke, but always making everyone around her better.

Erica was full of life and she added life to everything she did and everywhere she went. I will miss her terribly and the world is a little dimmer without her in it. My heart hurts for the loss that Mark, Levi and her family are going through, you have my deepest sympathies.

Dan Jensen - July 18, 2017 at 10:28 AM



“ One of the most unconventional women I ever had the pleasure of meeting. Funny, warm, bluntly honest, Erica was one of the few people I actually enjoyed interacting with on a regular basis, both at work, and the few times outside of work. She had a ribald sense of humor and a way of making you look at things differently. I am deeply saddened and still can't believe she is gone. I'll miss you Erica. Hopefully they have Hello Kitty where you are now. My deepest condolences to Mark, Levi, and the rest of Ericas friends and family as they deal with this loss.

Anson Goode Sr. - July 18, 2017 at 07:33 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Erica Nicole Gieras.*



July 18, 2017 at 12:55 AM



“ *I was saddened to hear about Erica. While at Sargent & Lundy, I remember her pleasant personality, enthusiasm, and strong interest in helping the groups she was a part of. My deepest sympathy to Mark and Erica's family.*

Al Merkel - July 17, 2017 at 09:57 PM



“ *Erica, I only had the pleasure of knowing you a short while, but you became my favorite workout partner ever. You had the most beautiful soul I have ever seen. Palmer House won't be the same without you. My prayers to your husband, son, and family. I know you are now one of the most beautiful and sweetest angels in heaven.*
~Robin Seelhammer



Robin - July 17, 2017 at 09:11 PM



“ *Donna Milevsky purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Erica Nicole Gieras.*



Donna Milevsky - July 17, 2017 at 07:12 PM

TC

“ *Miss Erica, we Loved you dearly a Great daughter-in-law and our Hello Kitty nut. Always setting your goals high and even conquering the mountain! You will always remain in our hearts*

*Love Ya!
Dave & Terry Clark*



Theresa Clark - July 17, 2017 at 06:56 PM

DO

“ *Although I didn't work directly with Erica I was part of the company fantasy football league that she participated in. She was a fierce spirited competitor that never backed down form anyone. Her Ninja Kitty's team was the talk of the league a year or two ago when she beat all her male counterparts to win the league, and she didn't let any of us forget it. She will be sorely missed. Deepest sympathies to Mark and the rest of Erica's family.*

Dan O'Kelly - July 17, 2017 at 04:51 PM

JF

“ *Jerry Fuentes lit a candle in memory of Erica Nicole Gieras*



Jerry Fuentes - July 17, 2017 at 03:26 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Erica Nicole Gieras.*



July 17, 2017 at 12:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Erica Nicole Gieras.*



July 17, 2017 at 10:44 AM



“ *Mark and Levi,
We are so sorry for your loss. Erica was a beautiful soul and she will be greatly missed.
RIP Erica!*



LISA CUNNINGHAM - July 17, 2017 at 09:55 AM



“ *Erica, You sweet, crazy, weird, cat loving, earthly lady, I am going to miss you terribly. You were always a bright spot of my day. You had those big beautiful eyes and that wonderful smile that I loved to see peeking into my office. I love you my friend and I pray that you are happy and soaring through the heavens and taking in everything and everyone like you have always done. My heart and my prayers are with Mark and Levi. Until we meet again. Love you, Mary*

Mary Kras - July 17, 2017 at 08:47 AM



“ You will be missed Erica! Loved sharing quirky things with you on Facebook. May you rest in peace.

My condolences to Mark and the rest of her family.



Teresa McGinley - July 17, 2017 at 08:33 AM

KM

“ You will be missed, Erica.



Kathie Mayer - July 17, 2017 at 08:32 AM

EA

“ Rest In Peace, Erica.



Earle - July 17, 2017 at 08:29 AM

MK

“ Mary Kras lit a candle in memory of Erica Nicole Gieras



Mary Kras - July 17, 2017 at 08:23 AM

CT

“ Cousins John & Beth Tsataros purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Erica Nicole Gieras.



Cousins John & Beth Tsataros - July 17, 2017 at 08:22 AM

MG

“ I love you babe! You were my rock!
Mark Gieras

mark gieras - July 17, 2017 at 07:47 AM

JT

“ Our sympathies go out to Stanley, Levi and the rest of Erica's loved ones. Erica was a lovely, wonderful young lady. We were so heart broken when we heard the news. Stanley I tried to reach out to you by phone. If you read this please know that we're here for you .All our love and sympathy, your cousins John & Beth Tsataros.

John Tsataros - July 17, 2017 at 07:02 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Erica Nicole Gieras.



July 16, 2017 at 07:57 PM

PK

“ We are so very, very sorry for your loss. Erica's light will shine on forever in her son, Levi. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Ken and Pam Klein



Pam Klein - July 16, 2017 at 01:25 PM

JA

“ Erica was a very kind, funny and inspiring person. We worked together for a few years but in those few years we shared many experiences. She played in our fantasy football league at work, winning the championship twice. She ran with our lunch run group. She inspired me and a few other people to live a healthier lifestyle through fitness training and healthier diets. She will be greatly missed. It's hard to believe I will no longer see her when I pass by her desk. RIP my dear friend.

Juan C. Ayala - July 15, 2017 at 11:40 PM