



Mikayla Elizabeth Ehram

March 13, 2000 - June 5, 2023

Mikayla Elizabeth Ehram of Lake Villa, Illinois passed away peacefully Monday morning, June 5, 2023. Mikayla was the only child of Randall and Melissa Ehram of Lake Villa.

Mikayla was in the process of completing her Associate Degree at the College of Lake County, on her path toward a career in forensic psychology. Mikayla shared her life with her late grandparents Annabelle “Nanna” and Richard Wilson as well as the late Maureen “M.E.” and John Klein, and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and loving friends.

Mikayla was known for her beautiful eyes, her quick wit, and her ferocious love and affection toward her family and close friends. She was loved by her neighbors and appreciated by her classmates. Mikayla was passionate about animals including each and every dog that crossed her path. From a young age, Mikayla was a gifted writer, an intelligent and hardworking student with exceptional knowledge of psychology, forensics, and criminology, and a true lover of water sports and gymnastics.

Mikayla fought a courageous and long battle with mental illness. She strongly advocated for more awareness and empathy regarding this plight. She believed that knowledge was power.

Mikayla's beautiful soul has returned home where she will forever remain in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the National Alliance on Mental Illness in Lake County www.nami.org.

Visitation will be Tuesday, June 13 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ringa Funeral Home. Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Family and friends will meet directly at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Lake Villa on Wednesday, June 14 for a 10:00 a.m. Mass. Live stream: <https://evt.live/mikayla-ehrsam>

Interment is private.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
info@ringafuneralhome.com
<http://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

There will be a Rosary Service at 7:30 p.m.

Live Cast

JUN 14. 10:00 AM.

Live stream

<https://evt.live/mikayla-ehrsam>

Funeral Service

JUN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

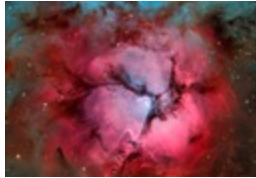
Prince of Peace Catholic Church
135 S. Milwaukee Ave
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-7915

Family and friends will meet directly at church, nothing at the funeral home Wednesday morning.

Tribute Wall

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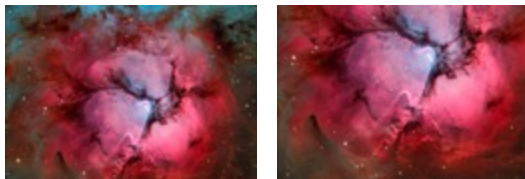
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Melissa Ehram - January 30 at 04:09 PM

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Melissa Ehram - January 30 at 04:03 PM

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Melissa Ehram - January 29 at 10:44 AM

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Melissa Ehram - September 15, 2025 at 05:58 PM

ME

Mic's favorite friends!

Melissa Ehram - September 16, 2025 at 01:52 PM

MT

“ Dear Mikayla,
I want to tell you something so there is never any doubt, you're so wonderful to think of, but so hard to be without. I cannot bring the days back when we were together, but know I sleep when I can because my dreams of you and our memories I hold close forever.
💜 I love you Mik, I'd do anything to have you back with your parents and all of us who love and miss you. TIL we all reunite 🥺



Madisyn T. - July 19, 2025 at 02:56 AM

ME

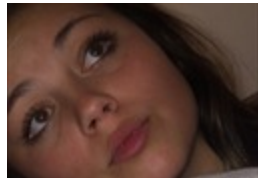
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Melissa Ehrsam - June 06, 2025 at 10:29 AM

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Melissa Ehrsam - June 06, 2025 at 10:28 AM

ME

*When I look into your eyes
It's like watching the night sky
Or a beautiful sunrise
There's so much they hold.*

*And just like those old stars
I see that you've come so far
To be right where you are
How old is your Soul?*

Melissa Ehrsam - June 25, 2025 at 09:22 AM

ME

“ *If I could be close beside you
If I could be where you are
If I could reach out and touch you
And bring you back home, to me*

Melissa Ehrsam - May 26, 2025 at 12:27 PM

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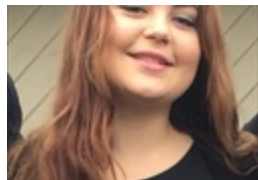
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Melissa Ehram - May 26, 2025 at 12:25 PM

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Melissa Ehram - May 23, 2025 at 08:19 PM

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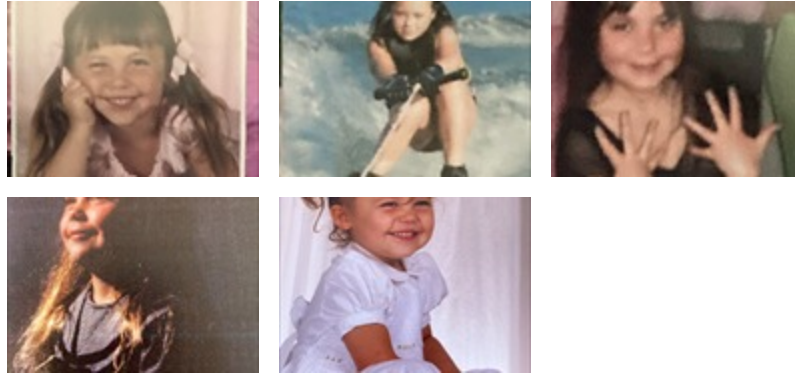
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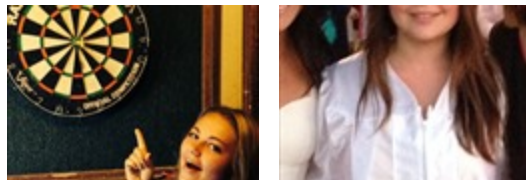
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Melissa Ehram - May 13, 2025 at 08:18 PM

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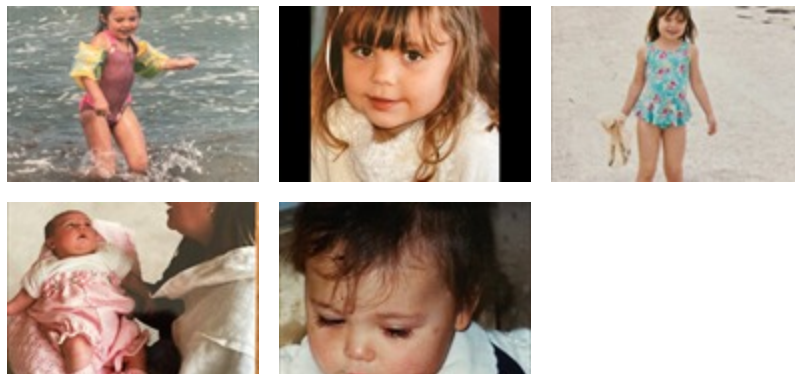
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Melissa Ehram - May 13, 2025 at 07:34 PM

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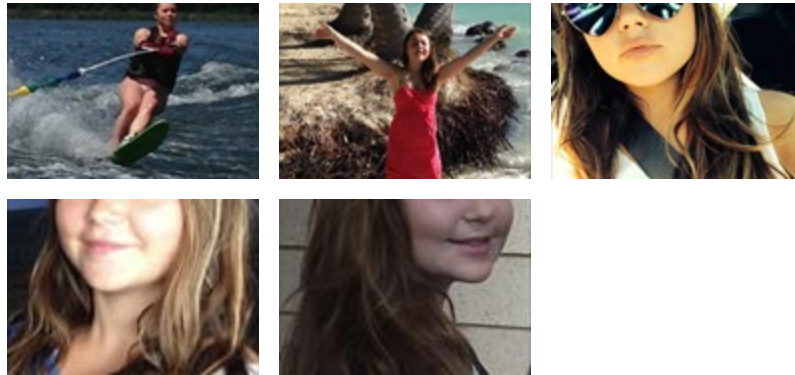
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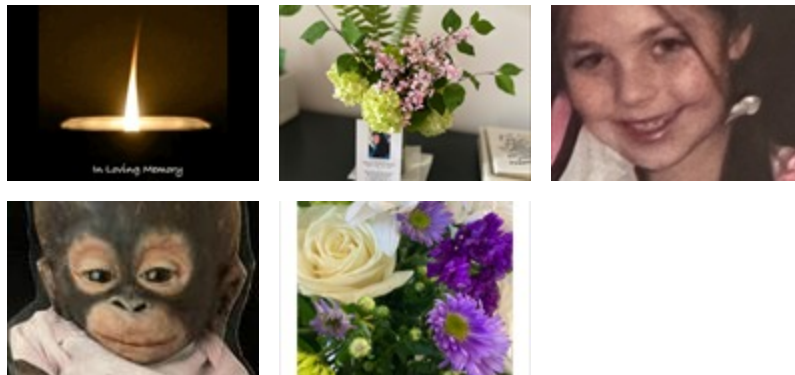
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Melissa Ehram - May 13, 2025 at 07:17 PM

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Melissa Ehram - May 04, 2025 at 12:03 PM

ME

“ May the long time sun shine upon you
All love surround you
And the bright light within you
Guide your way on
Happy Easter, May the Lord hold you and keep you, God bless you
my beautiful daughter, Mom

Melissa Ehram - April 20, 2025 at 01:38 PM

ME

“ Love opens up the day
Guides us on our way
Illuminates the path we are to walk
Precious love we hold
In the center of our soul
My love embraces you long after we have said our goodbyes
And I will be with you, I will be with you. Mom

Melissa Ehram - April 07, 2025 at 02:14 PM

AS

“ Missing you, thinking of you and your family today 💕💕 Happy Birthday 🎂

Astrid - March 13, 2025 at 12:35 PM

SM

“ To Mikayla’s family and friends...I just learned of her passing yesterday. I worked with Mikayla at CLA, and always adored her. She was smart, hilarious, and such a sweet and generous old soul. I’m so sorry for your loss. May her memory be a blessing. ❤️🙏

Suzanne Mitchell - June 07, 2024 at 01:32 PM


ME

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Melissa Ehram - April 22, 2024 at 03:02 AM

ME

Mikayla's memorial garden. Know you are loved, rest in peace. Dream your sweet dreams, till your Soul is released. May God bless you, and keep you until we meet again. With every ounce of my love, Mom 

Melissa Ehram - April 26, 2024 at 10:40 PM

JG

This is an awesome Tribute Wall of Mikayla!!

Jane Gauger - June 03, 2024 at 02:37 PM

ME

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Melissa Ehram - April 22, 2024 at 02:56 AM

AB

“ Thinking of Mikayla and her family today. Happy birthday, I miss you



Astrid Bentley - March 13, 2024 at 09:30 PM

RO

“ I was in a residential treatment center for women in Chicago a few years ago. Mikayla and I were put in the same cabin. We became inseparable fast— in less than those expected 30 days. She made my time there bearable. Even... fun. (Take it from me, it's hard to have fun in rehab). I was struggling badly with Anorexia as well as a host of other mental health problems and she was always there for me.

We stayed in contact after we left but we're separated by such a distance— I live over in California. As the years passed I watched her fall into a darker and darker place and there is nothing that has ever broken my heart like that did. Nothing I could say would take away her pain. Now my heart is just absolutely shattered.

The summer she passed, we had been making all types of plans for her to come out to California and visit, or maybe even stay for longer. She wanted to start over, I think. There was SO MUCH we planned to do when we were ever reunited. Now I am just completely gutted that I never got to see her again in person after treatment. All I got were those 30 days. But I still consider her my best friend. I am so so grateful I had someone to text and call when I was having a bad day or I had good news or I was bored or I just missed her. I am so grateful I got to have her in my life at all, even for such a short time. But still I am heartbroken. I don't think grieving ever really stops. But I hope the pain of it gets easier to handle one day. And I hope she is happy where she is now. I hope she found whatever she was searching for in all her bad habits. I hope she found peace.

rose - December 12, 2023 at 02:19 AM



“ Mikayla Elizabeth Ehram

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM

JM

“ Our condolence to your Family. Our love, Joseph and Cindy Mele.

Joseph Mele - June 20, 2023 at 12:23 PM

KH

“ I met Mikayla in 4th grade when I transferred to public school, and she was my closest and best friend between 4th-6th grade. With our shared love for the Twilight books/films, hockey, and opposite personalities, it is definitely one of my most memorable friendships. I remember our “book series” we created, focusing on werewolves and vampires, which we never got to finish unfortunately but I know held a lot of her creative side to it. I would always look back on those years and wish we wouldn’t have drifted apart as we went into middle school and different high schools. And it hurts knowing that that can never happen now. You’ll always be in my memories Mikayla, thank you for helping me out of my shell and for being you.

Krystalynn Herbert - June 15, 2023 at 07:27 PM



Christine Gable

“ Dear Randy and Melissa, our deepest condolences. Our hearts are so broken and you are always in our thoughts and prayers. We have SO many wonderful memories of Mikayla's beauty, both inside and out. Her laugh was infectious, her eyes shined so bright, and her beautiful kind soul will live on forever.

Kent, Christine and Tess Gable.

Christine Gable - June 15, 2023 at 11:59 AM

CM

“ Christine M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mikayla Elizabeth Ehram.

Christine M. - June 15, 2023 at 11:46 AM

CB

“ Dear Melissa and Randy, I was blessed to get to know all of you through Prince of Peace. My thoughts and prayers are with you and everyone who loves Mikayla. May happy memories of that beautiful inside and out girl continue to comfort all of you. And yes, she had such beautiful eyes.



Cindy Bauer - June 14, 2023 at 10:47 PM

MI

“ Mikayla was and is and will always be MY BEST FRIEND! I feel like a piece of me is missing! I'm so sad and angry and hurt! I loved her like a sister and I will miss her every waking hour of my life! I love you baby girl just know that!

Michelle - June 14, 2023 at 10:34 PM

TK

“ Most of my memories with Mikayla are from family get togethers during Christmas and Fourth of July.. she was one of the cutest little girls and always kept us older cousins entertained. The last time i saw Mikayla was at my wedding ☐☐ i will forever remember her “loving” my older brother and roaring at him like a lion. May she be wrapped up in love and light



Tia Mallonee Kemp - June 14, 2023 at 08:24 PM

AB

“ I was lucky enough to be a classmate of Mikayla for multiple classes in college. She was an incredibly bright girl and a great friend. I will always cherish the time we spend studying together or simply just hanging out. Thinking of all of you in this time.

Astrid Bentley - June 12, 2023 at 04:01 PM

RW

“ Randy and Melissa, we are incredibly sorry for your loss. We did not have the pleasure of knowing Mikayla but we can see she was a wonderful person, We have enrolled her in the Spiritual Society of daily masses through the Sacred Heart Southern Missions. We will keep her and you in our prayers. Much love to you both, Bob and Sharon (Bucko) Wilt.



Robert and Sharon Wilt - June 12, 2023 at 02:06 PM

M)

“ Mike and Ranya (Gibbons Financial) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mikayla Elizabeth Ehram.



Mike and Ranya (Gibbons Financial) - June 12, 2023 at 12:46 PM

TF

“ The Basford Family purchased the Country Basket et Blooms for the family of Mikayla Elizabeth Ehram.



The Basford Family - June 12, 2023 at 10:42 AM

BH

“ Dear Randy and Melissa,
Jesse Bravo shared the heartbreaking news about Mykayla with us.
Yolanda and I want to share our deepest condolences with you and
will pray for God’s Peace for you and your family.
Bill and Yolanda Hallas and family

Bill Hallas - June 11, 2023 at 05:06 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of
Mikayla Elizabeth Ehram.



June 11, 2023 at 02:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Mikayla Elizabeth Ehram.



June 10, 2023 at 06:58 PM

BE

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Beth Ehram - June 10, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mikayla Elizabeth Ehram.*



June 09, 2023 at 07:36 PM



“ *Love, All of the Mallonees purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Mikayla Elizabeth Ehram.*



Love, All of the Mallonees - June 09, 2023 at 04:16 PM

EE

“ *Mikayla brought brightness and light to our family. Mikayla was the middle girl of Grandma Ehram's three beloved granddaughters - and she brought the laughter and fun. She always met us with her beautiful smile. Mikayla was always interested in and concerned about others - she asked questions and listened! We never saw an animal that Mikayla didn't love, but dogs were a special joy (and ours benefited from her hugs). Whether water skiing , tumbling or any other sport she tried, she was the best athlete in the family! We loved seeing her on visits as she and her dad made the drive to Florida - including just this past March. Oh, how we will miss her.*

Uncle Rob, Aunt Beth, Brian, Ellen and Anna



Elizabeth Ehram - June 09, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ As we recall her lovely smile, and warm embrace the last time we saw her. I remember that she could light up a room, with that same smile as a little girl, so innocent and sweet. She is with our Jesus now, and warming the hearts of all those she loved that went before her, as she shines her light in heaven! May her light shine on, in the hearts of all who love her here, until they see her again there in heaven.

Love, Bill and Marie Pizzuti (Grandma Re')
Marie Pizzuti



Ringa Funeral Home - June 09, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mikayla Elizabeth Ehram.

June 09, 2023 at 09:32 AM



“ Although our times together were few, we are sad to hear of Mikayla's passing. She was full of love and had this infectious spirit about her. May our Lord comfort and bless Randy and Melissa during this difficult time. A forever Angel at your side. RIP Mikayla

Maria and Mario Cipolla - June 08, 2023 at 10:38 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Mikayla Elizabeth Ehram.*



June 08, 2023 at 10:29 PM



“ *I will not forget the last conversation we had. You are a beautiful soul and yes beautiful eyes! Rest in peace beautiful girl. Heather Wojtaszek*

heather wojtaszek - June 08, 2023 at 10:16 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mikayla Elizabeth Ehram.*



June 07, 2023 at 09:33 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mikayla Elizabeth Ehram.*



June 07, 2023 at 06:27 PM



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