



Ivy Marie Kirk

November 7, 1982 - October 15, 2019

Ivy wanted to live, to be happy and fulfill her dreams, but during the dark evening hours of October 14, the illness and addiction that had stolen her sparkle took her life.

Ivy was a beautiful, adventurous and free-spirited soul. She had a huge heart and deeply loved her family and friends. She is at peace now and will be greatly missed by everyone whose life she touched. We will always cherish the good memories and times spent together.

She was born on November 7, 1982 in Frankfurt, Germany. Ivy was a year 2000 graduate of LaPlata High School in LaPlata, Maryland.

Ivy held many interests over the years. She enjoyed music, dancing and participated in show troupe and en-pointe ballet. Sewing was a pastime that she had turned into a business making cloth diapers. She also enjoyed playing English Hand Bells alongside her mother at their church. To quote her sister, "Ivy was a badass knitter!" at one point even delving into dying her own yarns for her creations. But, Ivy found the most joy in her life when she was spending time with her boys, Leland Michael, Owen Joseph and Jaxon Charles Kirk all of White Plains, Maryland. They will miss her most of all but her spirit will be kept alive in their hearts. Family was important to Ivy and she had a large extended one with whom she was always happy to get the

opportunity to spend time.

Surviving are her mother, Beverly G. Tallmadge of Newburg, Maryland and father and stepmother, Joseph Sr. and Faith Melissa Tallmadge of Altoona, Pennsylvania; sister, Judith L. Brooks and her husband Jason of Rebersburg, Pennsylvania; brothers, Joseph Tallmadge, Jr. of Altoona, Pennsylvania and Tyler P. Tallmadge of Orono, Maine; grandfather, David Paul Bartlebaugh of Altoona, Pennsylvania; aunt, Norma J. Ward of Delran, New Jersey; uncles, John Bowden, Jr. of Haledon, New Jersey, Gary K. Bowden of La Plata, Maryland, David S. Bowden of Haledon, New Jersey, Charles Tallmadge, Jr. of Alabama, Tony Bartlebaugh and Timothy Bartlebaugh of Altoona, Pennsylvania, and Alan Ward of Delran, New Jersey; nephew, Miles W. Brooks of Rebersburg, Pennsylvania; and nieces, Clara M. Brooks and Elena T. Brooks of Rebersburg, Pennsylvania. Ivy also had many late family members who were waiting to welcome her into their heavenly arms and protection: grandfathers, John Bowden, Sr. and Charles C. Tallmadge, Sr.; grandmothers, Ruth E. Bowden, Ruth L. Tallmadge, and Sharon “Grandma Bunny” Bartlebaugh.

Ivy strongly believed in second chances, maybe because she craved a second chance for herself. As such, she donated her life-saving organs to give someone else a second chance at life. As of this writing, there have been three lives affected by her selfless gift and we hope many more. Organ donation is an amazing gift, please consider giving the gift of life. It will provide a small sense of solace and pride to your surviving family as it has to ours. You can do so here, organdonor.gov

In lieu of flowers donations are being accepted in Ivy’s memory at Washington Regional Transplant Community, 3190 Fairview Park Drive, Suite 700, Falls Church, VA. 22042. Please contact Joseph Tallmadge or any family member for information if you are interested in donating to the funds that will be

deposited in an account for Ivy's children.

A service to honor Ivy's memory will be held at 1pm on November 16, 2019 at Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church, 13025 Good Samaritan Drive, Waldorf, Maryland 20602.

The family would like to encourage anyone attending the service to wear something pink in honor of Ivy as it was her favorite color.

Previous Events

Service

NOV **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church
13025 Good Samaritan Drive
Waldorf, MD 20602

Tribute Wall



“ Ivy Marie Kirk

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ Ivy Marie Kirk

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ My dearest Ivy...

Its been a year already! I think of you every single day. I go to bed thinking of you, I wake up thinking of you. You are missed so very much, not only by me, but by too many.

I had to put my sewing skills to test just recently....I looked up and said my one and only poison Ivy I need your guidance right now. Thank you for teaching me a skill I never ever thought I would or could tackle!

The end result was great....not what you would have done.

However, I did it!

I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU SO MUCH!!!!

REST EASY MY FRIEND.

Shana Gradnik - October 16, 2020 at 09:04 PM

SG

“ Sweet Ivy....I hadn't seen or talked to you since 2009-2010. It was about a month after Jaxon was born! The surreal thing is I had a dream about you about a week or less ago. And I thought I'm gonna tell her hi and ask how those 3 boys are doing!!! Leland & Owen were just so little....we all went to the Charles county fair together...the boys wanted to ride the Faris wheel soo bad! Me terrified of heights...you pregnant with Jaxon (you couldn't ride) so I put on my big girl pants & took the 2 boys on the Faris wheel! All 3 of us had an absolute blast!!! That ride totally made their day. I'm in absolute disbelief right now. I lost my Sean this December 3rd one year. I hope you both are carrying on up there watching all of us. Sean unfortunately lost his battle with addiction. May God shine his perpetual light upon your souls forever n eternity! You will be greatly missed & you left a legacy here on earth. Love you always....until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand.
Infinite love,
Shana Gradnik-Lambert

Shana Gradnik-Lambert - November 18, 2019 at 12:20 AM

RM

“ My dear dear Ivy I'm so sorry That this is how I have reconnected with you. I wish I could have found you sooner. We spent so much of our childhood together. I love you so much. I don't even remember how we lost touch but I sure wish we had not. I love you and I'm so sorry I didn't get to tell you while you were still on this earth. I'm so so sorry your family has lost you and that so many people we will get to hear your beautiful laugh or see your wonderful smile. I love you.



rachel Myers - November 06, 2019 at 11:00 AM

SB

“ Ivy you are like my sister and we had the most amazing funny times together. Your kids were your heart and soul and you were more beautiful than you ever believed no matter how much i told u. I hope this just gets out so more people will reach out for help when coping with tragedy and problems. You have no clue how much I wish I could turn back time and change things, out fights, fallout, not spending that week with you because maybe if I did this wouldn't have happened. I'm so sorry for your family they lost someone amazing way to soon and just thinking about your boys kills me becuz u know how identical they are to mine and they have lost a amazing fun caring thoughtful generous silly crafty mom who can never be replaced. I'm so sorry

Stefanie Brummitt - November 05, 2019 at 01:58 PM

SL

“ I can't believe you are not just a text away, Ivy. We've had our mother-in-law, daughter-in-law differences, but we knew we loved each other no matter what. You gave me 3 beautiful grandsons, and was there for me when I lost Kevin. I know you and he are pain free now and looking out for each other. RIP my beautiful daughter-in-law!

Sherri Lee - October 27, 2019 at 03:25 AM



“ My dear friend Ivy, I love you to the moon and back and you will be truly missed. I've been struggling for words because I've been caught off guard. I will always cherish our friendship and I thank you for the beautiful memories. You were a wonderful friend, daughter, mother, sister and aunt and so much more. Heaven received a beautiful angel. Beverly, I'm sending my thoughts and prayers to you and your family, thanks for giving me a wonderful friend. Love to all

Lisa Rauscher - October 24, 2019 at 02:06 PM

BL

“ *Ivy, you are missed and loved and I wish you peace and the courage to be an angel to your boys and your family. To the family, I am so sorry for your loss. Peace and Light, Beth Lang (Judy's friend from grad school)*



Beth Lang - October 23, 2019 at 11:10 PM