



Amy Louise Rannells

February 14, 1961 - February 19, 2022

WATERLOO – Amy Louise Rannells, 61, of Waterloo, died Saturday, February 19, 2022, at MercyOne Des Moines.

She was born February 14, 1961, in Iowa, the daughter of Paul and Lois Shields Rannells. Amy graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1979, then attended Wartburg College. She was most recently employed at Blain's Farm & Fleet as a clerk.

Amy is survived by: a brother, Scott Rannells of Cedar Falls; and two nephews, Lucas and Samuel Rannells of Cedar Falls.

Preceded in death by: her parents and sister-in-law, Christine Rannells.

Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 26, 2022, at St. Edward Catholic Church in Waterloo. Visitation will be 5:00-7:00 p.m. Friday at Richardson Funeral Service. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Cedar Falls. Online guestbook at richardsonfuneralservice.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

the end of College St, north of First Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Edward Catholic Church
1423 Kimball Ave
Waterloo, IA 50702

Tribute Wall

GP

“ We were penpals for a number of years, she was such a kind person, we ended up falling out over something ridiculous as I was in my early twenties at the time and still immature. She seemed lonely and I should have done better by our friendship. We met through the fandom for actor Ewan McGregor and she was a bigger fan than I which caused our eventual fall out. I always wanted to find her again and apologize and now she's gone. She was a sweet person I'll never forget.

Gabrielle Pusateri - June 01, 2024 at 01:43 PM

JB

“ To Amy's family. I so saddened to hear of her passing. She was such a gentle kind person. I met her in Speech Class at UNI. We shared a table the entire semester. I always remembered her and we would catch up periodically over the last 42 years since that class ended. I would look for her at Blains and at St Eds. The last time I saw her we shared a pew at St Eds. She will be so missed. God has a special place for her in heaven.
June Wester Bartlett

June Wester Bartlett - February 27, 2022 at 08:49 PM

JG

“Patty and I are so sorry to hear of Amy’s passing. I first met my fellow student Amy at the Irish class. She was also great friends with our instructor Brendan and his wife Mary Ann. Amy was a very kind and pleasant person and very personable. She always had a smile when I met her at Blain’s and loved to interact with those arounds her. She will always be in our hearts and not forgotten. I will miss her, but know she is in good hands now. I personally feel honored to of know such a wonderful spirit. To her family and friends, our deepest sympathies. You all are in our thoughts and prayers., Jeff and Patty Griffin

Jeff & Patty Griffin - February 27, 2022 at 10:12 AM

AL

“We are so sorry for your loss! I first met Amy through my parents, Brendan and Mary Ann Dillon. My Dad started the Irish class and Amy was a student. They all struck up a friendship and my parents used to meet Amy at the Barnes and Noble every Sunday for a chat, which is where we met. They described her as one of the nicest, most warm hearted people they had ever met. As soon as I met her, I agreed. When my father passed away Amy was there with a big hug and support. She was also there for me when my Mom died. Since I live in VA she and another friend from the Irish class always made sure they had flowers on their graves and flags/ornaments to celebrate being Irish and St Patrick’s Day. That was just the type of person Amy was. Her thoughtfulness and kindness will never be forgotten. She was a rare person- genuinely nice, selfless and kind. We are so grateful we had the chance to know her and will really miss her. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Our deepest sympathies, Alanna, Chris and Grace Suda

Alanna - February 26, 2022 at 11:37 AM

LK

“ Still so shocked and saddened that you are gone, Amy. I feel so blessed to have known you since high school. Your gentle soul, great smile, wonderful laugh and sincere friendship will continue to inspire me to be a better person as I cherish memories of you in the future. Heaven has truly welcomed home an angel!

Lisa Grover Klenske

Lisa Klenske - February 25, 2022 at 07:24 PM

RO

“ To Amy's loved ones, I am truly sorry for your loss. God's garden is truly beautiful for he always takes the best.

Amy was a ray of sunshine at Blain's. Every day when I or Jakob would come in, she would wave and have the biggest smile on her face as she greeted us, as she did with everyone. Amy was so easy going and was able to converse with anyone she walked into. She was such a kind and loving soul. She gave her all at her job and deserved every award she ever received from Blain's. She was always more than willing to help with anyone and everyone in any department that needed her. We will miss her sunshine, happiness, and kind kind soul. May she now rest in peace.

She was one of those people who truly made the world a better place.

*With Love,
Rachel Osterhaus and Jakob Whiteman*

Rachel Osterhaus - February 25, 2022 at 06:55 PM

LJ

“ I did not truly know Amy other than as a smiling, welcoming clerk at Blains every weekend. I made sure that I was in Amy's checkout lane. She was always smiling and made each customer feel important and welcome. I was completely shocked when I saw her obituary in The Courier. After reading the many tributes on the Richardson Funeral Service page, I now realize how much of a great person she was, and I wish I had had the opportunity to get to really know her.

~ Linda Jernigan

Linda Jernigan - February 25, 2022 at 03:22 PM

BR

“ I met Amy 30 odd years ago when I was a young Mom taking my son Sam to the community United Day Care on Ansborough. I will never forget how sweet Amy was to Sam and how much comfort it gave me knowing that he was being loved everyday by Amy while I worked. She often gave him little gifts and of course the infamous “W book which we still keep today. (Sam loved sitting on Amy's lap while she read to him.) Since then Amy and I would run into each other especially after she started working at Blaines and talk about the special memories we shared. She was a super great person.
Barb Rogers

Barbara J Rogers - February 25, 2022 at 03:00 PM

KJ

“ Amy was a great person. She always had a smile and a good word to say about everyone. She will be missed by her family and friends.

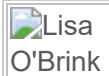
Kay Johnson - February 25, 2022 at 09:15 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Amy Louise Rannells.* ”



February 24, 2022 at 06:13 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album* ”



Lisa O'Brink - February 24, 2022 at 11:02 AM



You can see how excited she is and how much fun she is having!

Debbie Seaton Siech - February 24, 2022 at 01:17 PM

DS

“ *Codhladh sámh chara Amy’*

For Amy’s family and friends.

May the love of God give you peace. May the love of friends give you comfort. May the love of your dear one remain in your hearts and give you strength through the days ahead.

Mo phaidreacha,

The last time a was with Amy we were sharing a meal with other friends from the Irish Class at Doug Marshall’s home. We had a lovely time. I will miss her smiling eyes, her laugh and her kindness.

Debbie Seaton Siech

Debbie Seaton Siech - February 23, 2022 at 08:46 PM

CJ

“ *Amy would often check me out at Farm N Fleet. I will miss her smile!*

Customer - Jerry - February 23, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Amy Louise Rannells.*



February 23, 2022 at 04:21 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Amy Louise Rannells.*




February 23, 2022 at 11:12 AM



“ *I met Amy in Brendan Dillon's Irish language class back in 2012 and was immediately smitten with her delight in learning and speaking the language and enjoying all of us as we struggled to learn. Amy seemed to take immediately to the language, and soon became a teacher's aid to those of us fumbling over pronunciation, verbs, lenitions and possessions, and to those who enrolled later. Amy really took to the history and culture that came with the language, and especially enjoyed the Irish folklore. I got to know Amy a bit outside of our Monday night class, often meeting at her favorite places - Barnes and Noble and Stuff, Etc. Amy was always upbeat and smiling, and when she transitioned to a new employer, she proved a quick learner and adapter, and soon triumphed as a sales leader and new employee coach. Amy had a gentle spirit that prevailed in her relations with others. She modeled living life through good manners, courtesy, and service. She had her quirks, which both endeared her to me and caused consternation. Still, a sweet girl, a beautiful woman. Oh, how I will miss her. My sincere condolences to her brother Scott, and her beloved nephews. Dias duit, Amy, and go raibh maith agat. And until we meet again, may God hold you n the palm of His hand.*

Doug Marshall - February 23, 2022 at 10:06 AM

 Lisa
O'Brink

“ I met Amy at Irish language class. Once you became friends with her you were friends for life! She would do anything for a friend. We would watch America's got talent and laugh at the ones that didn't have talent. She loved simple joys. I remember her calling me all excited and saying she got to be on the radio. She was just as excited as when I told her I heard her on the radio .Her knowledge of music and bands was insane .I could tell her a few lines of a song and she could tell me who the artist was and what year it came out. But my best memory is how she made you feel. She saw the good in everyone. I will miss her. I can only be happy that she is having a great time with all her loved ones in heaven.

Lisa O'Brink - February 22, 2022 at 05:52 PM

LD

“ There will be so many reminders of Amy going forward. A few being her love for the Partridge family/David Cassidy, owls, Ireland, Wheel of Fortune (wicked solver), having encyclopedic knowledge of movies/plots, listening Saturday mornings to AT top40 '70's countdowns. But mostly remembering her kindness. Knowing her for almost 30 years as a co-worker & friend Amy never could be unkind. Of course also our mutual love of flea markets/antique malls is up there too. It's helping me to accept you being gone knowing you were doing something you absolutely loved in your last time here with us on earth. Rest well. Goodbye my friend.....LeAnn Davis

LeAnn Davis - February 22, 2022 at 03:44 PM