



Emily Kachulis

July 3, 1970 - January 10, 2024

CEDAR FALLS – Emily Marie Kachulis, 53, died on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at St. Mary’s Hospital in Rochester, MN.

She was born on July 3, 1970, in Cedar Falls, IA, the daughter of Charles and Ruth Ann (Shriver) Kachulis. She graduated from Northern University High School and attended classes at the University of Northern Iowa.

Emily loved dogs and was a ‘Mom’ to Sadie and Tulah. She was also very artistic, painting and quilting. Many lucky people own beautiful quilts that she made. She also worked as a volunteer at Birthright for a short time and was a member of PEO.

Emily also loved children, and has two Godchildren named after her. She was the best Aunt to her nieces and nephews, and was so loved by her family. She also had many close friends and loved any kind of social gathering.

Emily enjoyed traveling with her husband Randy and her friends and family. She especially loved the beach and Anna Maria Island.

In spite of Emily’s many health challenges over the years, she was always positive. When she was a baby the doctors told her parents she might only live to be in her teens due to heart complications. She was fierce and fought

every step of the way until 2011, when she checked herself into the Mayo clinic to wait for a heart and lung transplant. She waited in the hospital for two months until she was given the true gift of life from her organ donor, Raul Patino, on November 6, 2011. Following the transplant, she had renewed life and was able to go for walks in the woods with her dog, something most of us take for granted, but she cherished.

Emily is survived by her husband, Randy Howe, of Cedar Falls; mother, Ruth Ann Shriver of Urbandale; sisters, Carol (Sam) Anderson, their sons Ryan (Rachel) and Brady and Rachel (Kevin) Busch, their daughter Valerie and son Benjamin.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Kachulis and stepfather, Jeffrey Blank.

A celebration of life will be held 3:00-5:00 p.m. Saturday, June 29, 2024, at Beaver Hills Country Club in Cedar Falls. A private family service will be held with Richardson Funeral Service.

No memorials are requested.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **29**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Beaver Hills Country Club
8230 Beaver Hills Drive
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Emily Kachulis.



June 27, 2024 at 11:33 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Emily Kachulis.



June 26, 2024 at 09:15 AM



“ *BARD Materials* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emily Kachulis.

BARD Materials - June 26, 2024 at 09:15 AM



“ *Chris Davenport* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Emily Kachulis.



Chris Davenport - June 24, 2024 at 10:05 PM

CD

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Chris Davenport - June 24, 2024 at 10:05 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emily Kachulis.



June 24, 2024 at 10:49 AM

TB

“ Chuck was my first cousin, I met Emily once some years ago, and I was amazed at her life journey. Tom Baker, Bremerton WA

Tom Baker - January 22, 2024 at 09:53 PM

LB

“ Randy and family,
So sorry to hear about Emily's death!
The Bonds have known Emily and family since the 1980's.
It was always fun to see Emily when she would come to see Sherry & would say hello!
Emily was always positive and encouraging.
I continue to enjoy your previous home on Ashland Avenue.
Thinking and praying for all of you!
Richard, Helene and Lynnette Bond

Lynnette Bond - January 19, 2024 at 04:07 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Emily Kachulis.*



January 15, 2024 at 05:36 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Emily Kachulis.*



January 15, 2024 at 05:31 PM



“ *Karla and I were so saddened to hear of Emily's passing. She was an amazing person, and put up an inspirationally valiant fight against so many daunting health challenges. While we only got to see Emily and Randy infrequently, we always thoroughly enjoyed our time together. Please accept our sincere condolences.*

Bob & Karla Scalia - January 15, 2024 at 08:42 AM



“ *Very sad for your loss of deyr Emily
She will remain in my heart forever. Hugs to you all
Mary Norton*

Mary Norton - January 13, 2024 at 07:19 PM

TR

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. Emily was always so friendly whenever I ran into her, always asking about me and my kids. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Tyann Rouw - January 13, 2024 at 11:16 AM

CS

“ Em was such a sweet little girl and a beautiful woman. She will be missed by many. Your family are in my prayers. Cindy Snell

Cindy Snell - January 12, 2024 at 11:36 PM

SA

“ Randy and family,
She will be missed. She was always such a delight to be around!
You are in my prayers. Suze Anderson

Suze Anderson - January 12, 2024 at 01:01 PM

KS

So sorry for your loss! I will miss having her in my chair and all our chats! -Kendra Smith (Mud&Honey)

kendra smith - January 12, 2024 at 07:16 PM

ST

January 29, 2024...

I just received a text from Randy, telling me of the grave situation Emily (Em) is facing. My prayers are with her as she enters into yet another challenge and with her family, as they prepare for the unknown.

I've known Em (and all her siblings) for their whole lives. In their own way, all the girls faced challenges but none as overwhelming or life threatening as Em's. From her beginning, to the crises' that she met and fought head-on, to this, the latest challenge, she has (at least to me) always taken on things head-on accompanied by her medical experts, her family and her faith.

Randy has enabled her to do things that she could never achieve on her own, things that I have a hard time imagining that I could have done for Lynn under similar circumstances. While Randy has been the facilitator providing the earthly means, Em has done the heavy lifting but always with a positive heart and with GOD at her side.

Em & Lynn had a special relationship later in her life, before (and after) Lynn passed. They were intuitive about each other's conditions and supported, prayed and even dreamt about each other. She related one dream to me where she was in downtown Cedar Falls (on a holiday?) with people crowding the streets. She heard Lynn's voice & saw Lynn on the top of a building, calling to her.

I pray that Em can overcome this latest challenge and continue to share her earthly life with all of us. If that's not to be the outcome, she's going to have a great time catching up with the close friends and family who have gone on ahead and are waiting for her. It's going to be a GREAT party up there, and a lot of sadness back here unless we focus on GOD's promise

I have since been told that Em has passed
Father, you know Em and you know her heart. In spite of the efforts of those who love her, she's lived a tough life but now, she's with YOU. In YOUR presence, her pain, anxiety, angst and her fears have been wiped away.

Thank you Father...
Stan

Stan Thornberry - January 12, 2024 at 07:36 PM

JA

Emily was A God Send, truly the most beautiful human being that walked amongst us. I pray for Randy, her entire family. My heart aches for them. I will wait for the day that I will be welcomed with a hug by her. God hold her tight. Love, Jane Armstrong (Ursula's mom)

Jane Armstrong - January 13, 2024 at 12:50 PM



A sister in quilting. She will be missed. My condolences to her family.

Liz Wehrmacher - January 13, 2024 at 07:16 PM

JB

Our deepest sympathy to Emily's family. Her's was a journey that she traveled with determination and grace. Rest in peace Emily and greet our Anna who shared an early parallel journey with you.

Judy & Ray Burfeind - January 14, 2024 at 08:58 PM