



## McKayla Gafford

January 6, 1999 - January 8, 2022

Dear Mick,

We don't have words to express how much love we have for you and how much we miss you. You have been the bright light in our world. Everyone that has ever known you sees you as "the strong one." But many would also say that you are the most tender. So many times, you have been the one at such critical moments to have the best idea, or to work the hardest in the most difficult of circumstances to make it perfect for everyone else involved. Although a bit mischievous at times, when you were little, you would always brilliantly come up with the perfect games of rescuing all the stuffed animals from the lava in the living room. Imagining that all of the kids lived in the woods, painted their faces and you would, of course, have to build a fire. You were fearless and willing to push the boundaries to whatever circumstance you were in, serving those you love. Even if you didn't say the words, you loved deeply and fully, and your actions proved that time and again.

Your humor was unique and infectious, and you always had a story to tell. You would make sure Deven always got a Dr. Pepper and tell everyone that you didn't need water because it was already in the DP. If there was any chance to make an explosion with fireworks, you were the first to jump in and light 'em up and "go on get" when Uncle Chris' truck almost caught on fire, and you had to run to grab Journey out of the way. Your work was so important to you and your ambition proved that you could become a manager at just 23 years old. We are so proud. Your sense of purpose was deeply fulfilled in your role as provider for your siblings, as a leader to those you worked with, and in the way that you lived life. IT was to the fullest.

You are the epitome of selflessness, humility, and fun. It is amazing to us to reflect on the story of your life and see how true, honest, and deep you have been. You have deeply imprinted on each person that you have encountered. Most of all as your family, we have had the privilege to know you the most intimately. Tristani calls you sister, Journey calls you caring, Ethan knows you as the backbone of this family. Ma and Trina are so grateful for the role that you played as protector. You will always be the missing piece in our world. We are truly honored by your life.

~See ya,

Tristani, Ethan, Journey, Harlan, Ma, Trina, Aunt Mandy, Gammy, Abby, Uncle Kyle, Uncle Josh, Nana, Papa, Eric, Uncle Chris, Aunt Christy, Ashlyn, Zak, Lucas, Aunt Kimmy, Uncle David, Deven, Dylan, Alyssa,

# Cemetery

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## Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555  
Corsicana, TX, 75110

# Events

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**JAN 11**   **Visitation**   06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street, Corsicana, TX, US, 75110

**JAN 12**   **Graveside**   02:00PM

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700 Farm to Market 2555, Corsicana, TX, US,  
75110

# Comments

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“ Cordelia Albritton lit a candle in memory of McKayla Gafford



**Cordelia Albritton** - January 12 at 01:30 AM

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“ 180 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home** - January 11 at 12:42 PM

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“ sorry for your loss I know it's hard the lord will bless you and see you thru

**Shelly Kendall** - January 10 at 10:15 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of McKayla Gafford.



January 10 at 09:08 PM

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“ McKayla was in my kindergarten class at Navarro Elem. I remember her as being very sweet, quiet and always got her work done. She was a beautiful child and an even more beautiful young lady. Heaven has truly gained an angel. Rest in peace.

Mary Lou Smith - January 10 at 08:03 PM

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“ I will miss you. I really enjoyed working with you. Your friend Tracy



Ricky-Tracy Brown - January 10 at 06:13 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of McKayla Gafford.



January 10 at 05:58 PM

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“ Aunt Charlene lit a candle in memory of McKayla Gafford



Aunt Charlene - January 10 at 02:52 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of McKayla Gafford.



January 10 at 02:48 PM

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“ Morgana Horton Terry lit a candle in memory of McKayla Gafford



**Morgana Horton Terry** - January 10 at 02:45 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of McKayla Gafford.



January 10 at 02:33 PM

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“ Alan & Denise Berry purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of McKayla Gafford.



**Alan & Denise Berry** - January 10 at 01:08 PM

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“ Harlan, Julia and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of McKayla Gafford.



Harlan, Julia and Family - January 10 at 11:13 AM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of McKayla Gafford.



January 10 at 10:59 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of McKayla Gafford.



January 10 at 09:42 AM

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“ My deepest condolences. Prayers for comfort for Mick's family and friends.



Sandra Robinson - January 10 at 08:59 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of McKayla Gafford.



January 10 at 08:17 AM

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“ One of the best people to ever work with... truly brought a smile to everyone face and work environment. Made work worth coming into for me. Will be truly missed and always remembered. God bless her.

**Jacob Peugh** - January 10 at 05:13 AM

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“ Kayla was my closest friend. We met in November of 2015. Even over a thousand miles away, over the phone, I sat with her during lunch in high school. We were each others support system. It's really rare to find a soulmate. But I did. She was my closest friend - we were so in-sync it blows my mind. She was so beautiful- her mind was beautiful. The way she wrote and spoke and laughed was so beautiful. She cared so so much about people. About me. About Journey and Ethan. About Harlan... Random people. I was just telling her how young she was. That she's done everything backwards in the most amazing way. That instead of following the blueprints of life she's gotten by with the beat of her own drum. I can't believe she's gone. I can't believe I don't get to hug my friend. She was so funny. As I look through old videos and pictures, she always made me laugh. She made me cry, too. With beautiful words and kind words. She shouldn't be gone. She deserved everything she could have ever dreamed of. I miss my bestfriend. I wish I could just call her and hear her voice. I can't believe I had the pleasure of knowing her. I'm so lucky. Me, out of all people who crossed her path, I got to call her my friend. I got to hear about her good days and bad days. Six years wasn't enough. There won't be a day that goes by that I don't miss her. We talked everyday. I love you, Kayla. So so much. I'm so sorry. I love you - I have so many more words, but nothing can sum up how my heart breaks, or how much you meant to me. I love you, I love you, I love you. To the moon and back, a million times over.

**Brie** - January 10 at 04:08 AM



“ Thank you for sharing. Your words and memories are beautiful. Micky loved you and mentioned you often.

**Kim Gafford Day** - January 17 at 08:20 PM

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“ Shannon And Brie Bennett lit a candle in memory of McKayla Gafford



**Shannon and Brie Bennett** - January 09 at 08:29 PM

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“ This has been an unbelievable day, and I can't imagine what you all are feeling. I do know that Kayla's Canadian family is going to miss her very,very much. Kayla was a bright light in my Daughter Brie's everyday for 6 yrs A beautiful friendship that started online and flourished into an incredible bond. Brie is just crushed at the news. And it's going to take a long time to bound back. Stay with her Kayla remain that bright light in her life. May we all cherish the beautiful, kind and giving heart of Kayla and never forget her tender ways.

With All Our Love

Her Canadian Family

Shannon, Brie and Leigha xoxox

Forever in our hearts and always on our mind

**Shannon and Brie Bennett** - January 09 at 08:26 PM