



Alicia Grissom

November 10, 1972 - January 22, 2013

Alisha Grissom, age 40, of Murphysboro died Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at St. Louis University Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born in Murphysboro on November 10, 1972 a daughter to Donald E. Grammer and the late Janet Sue (Butcher) Grammer. She was united in marriage to Chris Grissom on Feb. 16, 2000. Alisha was born in Murphysboro but grew up in Collinsville, Il.. She later returned to the area to attend SIU-C and be closer to her parents who had previously returned to the area. She was employed at Southern Illinois University's Morris Library in Carbondale. Alisha attended the Elm Street Baptist Church.

Alisha was known for her warm heart and easy smile. It was always her nature to put others first. She had a way of doing little things that showed she was thinking of you. She lived life with her sense of humor fully intact and often demonstrated it in her newspaper column "Chick Chat" by poking fun at herself and the daily travails of being a wife and Mom. She loved books and loved her job at SIU's Morris Library. She was a kinder and gentler "Dance Mom" and really treasured the camaraderie and friendships she shared with the other dance moms.

For Alisha though, her family always came first. She would save her vacation days for class parties, field trips and dance competitions. When staff at General John A. Logan school complimented her on packing the "best lunches" for her kids it was one of the highest compliments she could ever receive. Her life revolved around her son and three daughters. She was very proud of her two granddaughters and grandson, although she would jokingly encouraged them to call her "Aunt Alisha" because she said she was too young to be a grandma. She loved her family more than anything in the world and her family loved her back even more.

Survivors include her husband, Chris of Murphysboro; one daughter, Alivia and one son, Jude, both of Murphysboro; two step-daughters and husbands, Kristin and Joseph LaBotte of Herrin and Samantha and Michael Smith Jr. of Murphysboro; three grandchildren, Madyson and Rylee LaBotte of Herrin and Parker Smith of Murphysboro; her father and step-mother, Donald E. and Donna Grammer of Alto Pass, Il.; one sister,

Tammy Grammer of Maryville, Illinois; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Joe and Judy Grissom of Murphysboro; brother-in-law, Kirk Grissom of Hollywood, Ca. and sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Gay and Allen Bachmann of Murphysboro; four nieces, one nephew and her best friend, Kim Brown.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013 at Crawshaw Funeral Home in Murphysboro with Rev. Charles Allen officiating. Visitation will be from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park on Old Rt. 13 near Murphysboro.

Memorials may be made to Alivia and Jude Grissom Education Fund and will be accepted at the funeral home.