



Katie M. Hassler

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Katie Marie (Baerwald) Hassler 50 of Winona, MN passed away unexpectedly on December 30, 2024.

Katie was born on April 3, 1974 in Oshkosh, WI to Lee & Linda (Grable) Baerwald.

Katie attended Sacred Heart School and Oshkosh West High School, graduating in 1992, and then attended Winona State University where she played softball. Katie then pursued her passion by earning her cosmetology license and began a successful career as a hair stylist, building a loyal client base and opening her own salons. Her clients were invaluable to her and she cherished many close relationships built over the years.

Katie had a deep love of reminiscing and laughing about funny stories with both family and friends. Katie was the family “historian,” recalling details and memories with great joy and ease. She had the ability to light up a room with her smile, laughter, and warm affection.

Katie enjoyed music, boating, and being near the water; most recently soaking up the sun and living the “Mexico life” with her loving and devoted partner, Bruce Loken of Winona, MN. She had a big heart, full of gratitude that she so commonly shared with those near to her. Among her passions and interests, being a mother was what she cherished the most. Regardless of life’s challenges, her love for her children never wavered.

She is survived by her three children, Kalin Hassler (23) of Stevens Point, WI, and twins Isabella Hibbard (19) of Oshkosh, WI, and Vincent Hibbard (19) U.S. Navy. Other survivors include parents Lee and Linda Baerwald of Oshkosh, WI, and sisters Sadie (Chad) Jensen of Oshkosh, WI, Natalee (Todd) Mueller of Sheboygan, WI, Jamie (Ryan) Neabling of Winneconne, WI, and six nieces and a nephew.



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Katie's end of life was filled with much love, gratitude, and happiness. It feels fitting to close with her own words from a post that she shared very recently with friends and family on social media:

“Loving Mexico life! But boy do I suck at taking selfies. I added them as to not gain attention but simply to show how happy I am. This amazing man has chosen me to accompany him in these “golden years.” My gratitude is overflowing, Bruce Loken!!! A lot of you out there whether you are friends, family, clients, or all of the above, have been there and seen me through my best times and my worst times. I thank you for your continued support. Your loyalty has no bounds.”

Mom, you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure. ~ Your Children

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St Jude Parish, Sacred Heart site, 519 Knapp St. in Oshkosh on Friday, January 10, 2025 at 11:00 AM. The family will receive visitors at the church on Friday starting at 9:00 AM.

Katie will be laid to rest at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Oshkosh.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Sacred Heart Perpetual Adoration Chapel fund, checks payable to St. Jude Parish with memo “Adoration Chapel.”



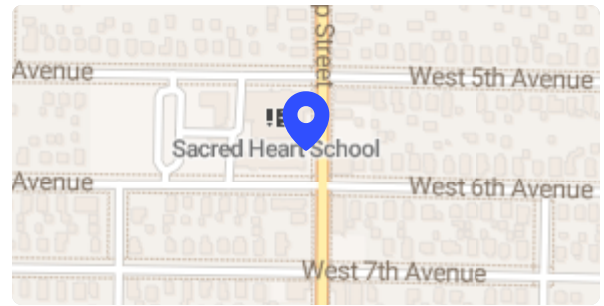
Visitation

Friday, January 10, 2025

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM cst

Sacred Heart Church (St. Jude the Apostle Parish)

519 Knapp St , Oshkosh WI 54902



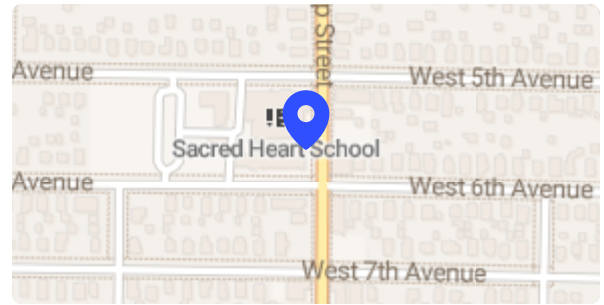
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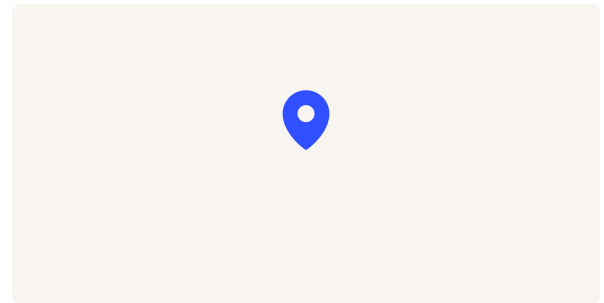
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Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery
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Cindy Matulle posted:

I am in shock to hear of Katie's passing. We were classmates and played softball together. I remember her sister Sadie playing ball with us. Always teased each other on our birthday as we had the same date. I'm so sorry to Katie's family and friends for this loss. She always had a smile and a fire about her. RIP Katie. Cindy Matulle

January 4 at 10:45 AM



Jenny Clavette posted:

Katy lady was my good friend and hair guru for 30 years I will miss her dearly. She could light up a room with her smile and glowing beauty. My heart is broken. Sending love and prayers to her family and Bruce. There was non other like her!

January 4 at 6:56 AM



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AS

Angela Skelton posted:

I only had the opportunity to meet Katie a couple times as she and Bruce bought my house in Mexico. It was very apparent how much she enjoyed life and was so looking forward to her Mexico adventure. My most sincere condolences to Bruce and to Katie's family.

January 3 at 8:32 AM

SM

Sherry Meltzer January 8 at 4:37 PM

Lee and Linda I am devastated for you and the girls. Katie will always have a place in my heart. Sherry Meltzer

KB

Kristine Berger January 8 at 11:54 AM

Lee, Linda, & Family, so very sorry to hear about the loss of your daughter. It is so hard to lose a child. With our deepest sympathy. Kris & Jim Berger.

PH

Pamela Hartman January 5 at 11:54 AM

GOD Bless you, Katie! I will miss you and our "political" talks.

JK

Jenn Basiks-Kervahn January 4 at 7:04 AM

I am sad and shocked to hear this news. I knew Katie when she was a young girl. I was pretty much a kid myself. I spent the summer before going away to college as Katie's and her sisters' nanny. We had a wonderful summer and I enjoyed spending time together with all four girls. I have many fond memories with Katie. I remember she was always so embarrassed when I would drive them around Oshkosh because I was just learning how to drive a standard car and I would kill the engine at traffic lights a lot. She would hide in the back seat along with her sisters so no one would see them. We laughed a lot about this. I have fond memories of dancing around the kitchen with her to music, especially Poison as I cleaned or made food for them. Katie you were a beautiful young girl and you became a beautiful woman. I am so proud to have known you. I grieve for your parents, your sisters, your partner and your children. You will be greatly missed. Rest in peace and may the perpetual light shine upon you. ❤️❤️❤️

MH

Mark And Jan Haslanger January 3 at 3:50 PM

Our most sincere condolences to Lee, Linda and their families. Cannot imagine losing a child. We are heartbroken for her children as well. RIP Katie.

GB

Gerane Baker January 3 at 11:28 AM

Katie was a beautiful person. So sweet & caring. You could tell she was so happy every time you saw her. She just radiated happiness. My condolences to Bruce, her children, family & friends.

LD

Lisa Dart January 3 at 8:54 AM



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We met Katie recently when she & Bruce became our new neighbors in Mexico and spent a little time together. Our deepest condolences to your families.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Katie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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