



Tamara J. Meidl

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Tamara Jean Meidl, age 65, passed away enveloped in her family's love on June 13, 2025.

Tammie was born on 11/4/1959 to James (Jim) and Sharon Tratz in Oshkosh. She was the second of four children: Pat (& Jenny), Cheryl (& Dave Schiavone), and Brian (& Crystal). Although they lived in Oshkosh, the family spent a considerable amount of time in Tigerton, WI, where Jim and Sharon were from, visiting their grandparents Pat & Irene Brady on their farm, and later where they built a cabin.

In high school, Tammie met the love of her life, Lee Meidl, and they married in 1979. Tammie and Lee always had a sense of adventure that took them all around the country, first to Tulsa, OK from 1982-1986, then to Rancho Cucamonga, CA from 1986-1988. In 1987, their first daughter, Lauren (John Bushman) was born. Shortly after, they decided they wanted to raise their family back home by most of their family and share their love of the cabin "Up North" with their children so they returned to Oshkosh in 1988. In 1991 their second daughter, Brooke (Zachary Neubauer) was born. Tammie and Lee devoted their lives to raising their daughters to be strong, hardworking, and loyal women, which they modeled in their actions and love for each other.

In 2006, they relocated to Westfield, IN where they stayed for 7 years before returning to Southern California from 2014-2018. The love for their daughters, and then granddaughters, brought them back to Wisconsin once again in 2018.

Tammie was known for her positive and nurturing spirit. She formed lifelong friendships everywhere she went and stayed in touch with them all through phone calls, visits, emails and texts. Tammie was the heart of her family and took pride in building a beautiful and welcoming home for her family and friends to enjoy- from her meticulously maintained gardens, to decorating her home, to hosting the family holidays. She brought so much love and light to everyone around her. She often told people that being "Mom" to her daughters and then "Mimi" to her granddaughters was the best job she ever had.



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Tammie is preceded in death by her mother and grandparents. She is survived by her father-Jim Tratz, husband- Lee Meidl, daughters: Lauren and Brooke, sons in law: John Bushman and Zak Neubauer, granddaughters: Greta & Heidi Neubauer, sister- Cheri Schiavone, and brothers- Pat and Brian Tratz, many dear brothers and sisters in law, cousins, nephews, nieces, and numerous lifelong friends who all cherish her in their hearts.

Per Tammie's wishes, a celebration of life will be planned for a later time.



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NS

Nancy Sonnleitner posted:

Tammie and I were dear friends for many years, she was my maid of honor in my wedding, and I was in her and Lee's wedding. We recently reconnected and planned to meet for coffee to catch up - I am heartbroken and very regretful that I did not take the time to do that. Tammie - It hurts so much you're gone but I am so grateful for the time we shared together. You brought so much joy and happiness to so many. I will never forget you. You will always hold a special place in my heart. Have that coffee ready when we meet again. Lee- and entire Tratz and Meidl families - my deepest sympathy goes to all of you.. Nancy Sonnleitner

June 19 at 10:02 AM

DW

Debbie West posted:

Tammie and I met in Tulsa, Ok where we both worked at the same hospital. When we found out we were both from Wisconsin, we became instant friends. She was one of those lifelong friends that don't just come into your life, but are put into your life, because that is what God does. We have laughed, we have cried, we have tried to figure out the world's problems. But, most of all, Tammie's heart & soul were beautiful. I will miss her, but she knew we were going to see each other again. And what a beautiful thing to look forward to. Love you, Tammie. Debbie West

June 16 at 5:38 AM

MJ

Matt Juedes lit a candle in honor of Tamara.



June 15 at 5:19 PM

KD

Kathy Dat posted:

I am heartbroken to read this - I worked with Tammie at Dr. James Trusell's office in Tulsa OK. She was wonderful as a friend and co-worker - so funny and caring....I am heartbroken for you. Someday, I will see her again and what a reunion it will be. Prayers for all. Kathy Day

June 15 at 11:24 AM

BR

Bernice Reinhardt lit a candle in honor of Tamara.



June 15 at 11:08 AM



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Donna Deardorff posted:

I worked with Tammie at Noel Studio, we became good friends and shared some good memories together, she was a sweet and dear friend whom I loved ❤️

June 15 at 10:07 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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