



## Karisha Janae McCarthy

October 4, 1978 - September 13, 2023

Our beautiful and beloved Karisha Janae McCarthy passed from this life peacefully on Wednesday, September 13, and left years of pain and suffering behind to find her much deserved joy and happiness with loved ones and the Lord. She is free from the illness and struggles she endured so gracefully, while always managing to find a smile for everyone. Karisha will always be remembered as a caring, sweet, and amazingly smart woman whose loveliness was matched only by her passion and convictions. We will carry her in our hearts until we are with her once again, and can hold her in our arms forever.

Karisha was born on October 4, 1978 in Adrian, Michigan, the youngest child of Clippert and Kathy (Merillat) Connin. She graduated from Adrian High School in 1996, and went on to earn her bachelor's degree in information technology.

On October 22, 2005, Karisha married her soulmate Tony McCarthy. Together, they lived a life of unconditional love and unbreakable commitment, and raised two wonderful children, son Kristos and daughter Kolya. Theirs is love story like no other.

Karisha made a habit out of hard work, exceeding expectations and helping others wherever she went or worked. She was a shining star with a soft soul

and fierce spirit. She was a true blessing to the lives of all who knew and loved her. Karisha loved spending time with her loved ones, exploring the outdoors, and enjoyed many cherished adventures and experiences from sea to sea. She could spend hours hiking to waterfalls, walking beaches looking for interesting or pretty stones, and anything else involving appreciating nature with her family. Thousands of photos will always remind us of the many wonderful times with her in many magnificent places.

In addition to her husband and children, Karisha is survived by her parents, Kathy (Merillat) and Clippert Connin, step-parents Aram Chooljian and Darlene Connin, brothers Kip (Jana) Connin and Chip (Cassie) Connin, maternal grandmother, Nina Merillat, paternal grandmother, Kathryn Connin, uncles, Carl Connin, Chris Connin and Robert Connin, nephews, Kaden, Keegan, Chase and Carter. In-laws, Carol McCarthy (Tom Allen), Don McCarthy, Michael (Brenda) Velandra, sisters in-law Deana Velandra and Patience McCarthy, brothers in-law Kevin (Cathy) McCarthy and Kirk (Jackie) McCarthy.

Karisha was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Kenneth Merillat, paternal grandfather Robert Connin, uncle, Kenneth E Merillat, aunt, Karen Merillat, cousins, Kayleen and Kendra Merillat, and Ian Connin.

A celebration of Karisha's life will take place on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 12pm at West Adrian Community Church with Rev. Doug Van Doren officiating. Visitation will be held from 11am until the start of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family to help with expenses and future designation.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, where

online condolences and memories may be shared at: [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

West Adrian Community Church  
4545 Wolf Creek Hwy.  
Adrian, MI 49221

## Celebration of Life

SEP **19**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karisha Janae McCarthy.*



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September 18, 2023 at 08:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karisha Janae McCarthy.

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September 18, 2023 at 08:27 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Karisha Janae McCarthy.*



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September 18, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Karisha Janae McCarthy.*



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September 18, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karisha Janae McCarthy.*



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September 18, 2023 at 09:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karisha Janae McCarthy.*



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September 17, 2023 at 08:26 PM



“ *My husband was Adrian High School Wrestling Coach and Karisha was one of his Managers when her Brothers Wrestled for AHS. He had many great Managers throughout the years he Coached, but Karisha was one of his favorites and mine. She was a standout, she was beautiful, and Her smile would always light up any room. She had such a positive attitude even when she was dealing with her health issues. She was truly inspiring. My heart aches for all that knew and loved Karisha, but especially for her husband Tony and their Daughters. I am very sorry for your enormous loss.*

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**Lynne Fox** - September 17, 2023 at 04:04 PM

DF

“ Karisha was my wrestling manager at Adrian high school, was fantastic at keeping all the stats updated and with her positive outlook and smile made my and the teams job easier and fun . She was great positive young lady and will be missed by all who knew her.

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**Dennis Fox** - September 17, 2023 at 02:37 PM

SM

“ Oh Kathy, and Clip, I am so sorry to hear of Karisha's passing. My heart goes out to all of you. May God bless you with his peace and comfort.

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**Sue (Brown) McClung** - September 16, 2023 at 08:26 PM

DN

“ I was deeply saddened to learn of Karisha's passing. I will never forget my fellow village of Onsted neighbor and the great times we had over the years. She always welcomed me into her home, where I became very close to her whole family. And was honored to be a part in Tony and Karisha's wedding. Kelly and I will have the entire family in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Don Niezurawski** - September 16, 2023 at 03:25 PM

HC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Karisha. I remember how sweet and quiet she was. I remember her asking me to play the piano with her at the Connin Christmas Parties ❤️

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**Holli Connin** - September 16, 2023 at 11:13 AM

FS

“ From Cassie's Mom and sisters purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Karisha Janae McCarthy.



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**From Cassie's Mom and sisters** - September 16, 2023 at 09:51 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Karisha Janae McCarthy.



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September 16, 2023 at 09:25 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karisha Janae McCarthy.



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September 16, 2023 at 09:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karisha Janae McCarthy.

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September 16, 2023 at 09:03 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karisha Janae McCarthy.*



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September 15, 2023 at 05:40 PM



“ *Our most sincere sympathy to each of you at this very sad loss of such a beautiful person. Aunt Suzette and Uncle Bill*

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**Suzette P Ross** - September 15, 2023 at 03:17 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Karisha Janae McCarthy.*



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September 15, 2023 at 02:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karisha Janae McCarthy.*



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September 15, 2023 at 01:56 PM