



## Randi Marie Jenkins

October 29, 1991 - July 10, 2017

JENKINS, Randi, passed peacefully in her sleep at the age of 25 in her Warren home on Monday, July 10th, 2017. She was born on October 29th, 1991 in Royal Oak, MI to her parents Bobbi (Green) and Scott Engelhardt and was raised in Madison Heights, MI. Randi happily married the love of her life, Sean Jenkins, on October 14th, 2016 at the Woodside Bible Church in Troy, MI. Randi attended Lamphere High School and was accepted to Eastern Michigan University where she found her passion for American Sign Language. She became certified by the Michigan Board for Evaluation of Interpreters, and achieved Level 1 status. Randi began interpreting for DEAF C.A.N.! where she was placed in several different public schools throughout the city of Detroit. Although her job was simply to interpret, she advocated for her students in times of need. Randi's skills inside the classroom extended to children and adults of special needs, where she was often taking on a role above what was expected. From there, Randi joined the team at Deaf & Hearing Interpreting Service, Inc. and was recognized as a valuable asset during her short time there. Randi's longtime battle with Crohn's started at the age of nineteen. Although she endured multiple hospitalizations, surgeries and harmful medications that wore on her body, she did not let it break her spirit. Randi spent countless hours providing encouraging words to members of the Crohn's community, putting their needs above her own. In the Crohn's community, she was an administrator and member to multiple groups including Belly Buddies, IBD Angels, Chronic Pain Support Group, etc.

Through social media, Randi was able to comfort and inspire simply by reaching out, touching the lives of thousands around the world. In her short time, Randi was willing to adapt and share the interests of those closest to her. She developed a love for painting and crafting through her mom, and taking endless pictures of her pets and friends just like her Aunt Stephanie. Sean brought her into the world of anime and video games, where she found enjoyment in attending conventions and cosplaying as her favorite characters. Randi also had a soft spot for animals. She rescued all of her pets from shelters and humane societies, her most recent being Noodle, an Australian Shepard mix whom she rescued with Sean. Randi cared deeply for her friends, family and loving husband, always putting them first. Whether it was being a shoulder to lean on or cracking jokes to put a smile on their face, Randi set her own needs aside in order to ensure the happiness of those around her. After Sean was injured on the job and menial tasks became extremely difficult, Randi showed what an amazing wife she was by offering to care for him without ever being asked. Her selfless and compassionate personality shined though in her friendships, as she loved unconditionally and without judgement. She is survived by her loving husband Sean Jenkins, parents Bobbi and Scott Engelhardt, grandparents Barbara and OD Wilson, Ruth and Clinton Engelhardt, Pat and Norm Ballard and her dog, Noodle. Funeral showing will be held on Monday, July 17th at Woodside Bible Church, 6600 Rochester Rd in Troy, MI from 9-9:30am for immediate family and 9:30-11:30am for the public. Service will begin immediately following the showing and will be given by Pastor Patrick Rowland. The church will provide a luncheon after the service. In lieu of flowers, the family will be accepting donations towards Crohn's advocacy. Please make donations at: [http://online.ccfa.org/site/PageNavigator/Honor\\_Memorials](http://online.ccfa.org/site/PageNavigator/Honor_Memorials) With pain comes strength.

# Tribute Wall

JK

“*"Sending my thoughts and prayers to Randi's family during this difficult time. I'm so sorry about Randi's passing. I'm just lucky to have gotten to work and connect with her through online facebook Crohn's support groups. She was truly a fighter and an inspiration to many. She may be gone, but never forgotten. RIP, Randi. You are loved and missed by many."*

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**Jake Kellen** - July 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LB

“*"It was such a beautiful service. Randi will truly be missed..."*

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**Lucy Brown** - July 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GW

“*"Randi was wonderful student, Extrinsic Motivation Student, Sadden of your loss. glenn wall stewart"*

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**glenn stewart wall** - July 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JD

“*"Bobbi and Scott, WIRDS CANNOT Bobbi and Scott Words cannot express the sadness we feel for all of you on Randi's passing. Even though we did not get to meet your presious daughter, I followed her threw Facebook. I always said I wanted to meet her. She always had a smile,even though she probably did not feel good. Know that you are thoughts and prayers"*

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**Julie and Dale Diegel** - July 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VI

“My heart breaks for the Jenkins family as another young girl passed from a chronic illness. Though I didn't have the honor of knowing her my prayers are with all who knew this amazing girl. You learn quickly in chronic illness world it doesn't matter how well you know someone when they are your age & have your illness when you learn of their passing it is heart-wrenching. We cannot say thank you enough for the work she did. She was an amazing warrior gone too soon. I have IBD & I'm 23 years old. I've spent the past hour or so crying after reading that your loved one is gone. I'm sorry is not enough. All who knew her are in my prayers. Sending hugs.  
Victoria”

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**Victoria** - July 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CP

“I did not know her but on face book we all come together as one and support each other.it sounds like she will be dearly missed by all who new her. very sorry for you loss it is not easy to say good buy but she is in a better place now no pain no suffering may god be with the family right now and for ever”

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**carol pilkin** - July 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PM

“As a fellow Crohns fighter Randi was a true warrior to all of us who battle this painful disease. My thoughts and prayers are with Randi's family and friends. May she rest in peace”

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**Patricia Murray** - July 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TE

“She was an amazing person with amazing parents and husband. My and my families sympathies are with you all. God bless her and keep her in His loving arms. Amen.”

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**Tim and Karen Elsenpeter** - July 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LH

“*Randi offered to help me with ASL two weeks ago, telling me "I know it's nice to have a friend when learning." I really appreciated it.*”

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**Layke Hicks** - July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CR

“*God Bless you my fellow Crohnie, May your journey be pain free and Prayers to those that are feeling he loss. Godspeed”*”

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**cheryl remer** - July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JR

“*Randi and I never met in person, but we belonged to the same Crohn's group on line through Facebook. My heart goes out to her husband and her family. This is a terrible battle, one many people don't understand. Sleep in peace Dear Randi, you won't be forgotten.*”

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**Jeanette Riegel** - July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CL

“*Bobbi, my heart breaks for you and your husband. I pray that your happy memories of your beloved daughter will sustain you during the difficult times. God bless you.*”

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**Chris Licari** - July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM