



Alixandra Cascio

May 27, 2016

Hartford - Alixandra Cascio, 23, of Hartford, Connecticut, passed on Friday, May 27, at Connecticut Children's Medical Center in the arms of her loving parents to a place of freedom and peace. Ali was born in Hartford, on February 3, 1993, the daughter of James K. and Judithann M. Cascio.

Ali attended Saint Thomas The Apostle elementary school in West Hartford and was later a 2011 graduate of Watkinson School, a college preparatory school in Hartford. She then attended High Point University in High Point, North Carolina and on May 26, 2016, she was granted her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications. Just ten hours before her passing, Ali's diploma was delivered to her bedside as a surprise by her lifelong and much loved, CCMC Cardiac and PICU medical teams and presented by her mother and father, drawing Ali's easy and broad smile.

Ali lived every day with a sense of adventure and joy. She loved to travel and experience everything the world had to offer. She swam with the turtles off the Nepali Coast of Hawaii, held the stingrays in the Caymans, zip-lined through the rainforest in Costa Rica, wore an albino python in Singapore, toured the Vatican in Rome, rode the London Eye, strolled along Barcelona's Las Ramblas, went to the opening night at the Vienna State Opera, and traveled anywhere else she could to experience life. Ali loved all social gatherings - the deck at Wampanoag, dinner with friends at home and in restaurants, but she especially enjoyed Holiday festivities; the people, the food and the decorations.

She laughed and saw humor in most everything. Her limitations did not define her. She was a loving daughter, a loyal friend, a kind person always seeking the good in everyone. Ali made friends everywhere she went, but it was at her schools that Ali made lifelong alliances with very special friends. Ali always had friends around – playing video games, watching movies and endless texting.

There are so many people that loved and cared for Ali and we so appreciate their dedication to making Ali's life full of happiness. Ali was fortunate to have had summers filled with activities managed by her summer companions. She and her friends were taken to the beach, to movies, miniature golf and parks. During her hospital tune-ups, her caregivers challenged her in video games, brought puzzles and other activities to pass the time and took her on rides outside. Thank you to the Physicians, Nurses and Support Staff of both Boston Children's Hospital Cardiac Floor and Connecticut Children's Medical Center Cardiac Practice and the PICU. You all make such a difference. Thank you for the great care at High Point Student Health Services. Ali was able to be at school with your help.

Alixandra is survived and loved by her parents, Jim and Judith Cascio of Hartford; her uncle and aunt, Paul and Linda Cascio of Waterford and her cousins Joshua Cascio of Tampa, Florida, and Lauren Cascio Kavanaugh and her husband Steve of Exeter New Hampshire; her Uncle and Aunt Dr. John McCue and Maryann Cascio McCue of Providence, RI, and her cousins Emily and Julia McCue both of Providence. Ali is also loved by her Great Uncle and Great Aunt, Edmund and Kathryn Mucci of Mantoloking Shores, New Jersey, as well as their adult children Ed Mucci and his wife Dina of Hoboken, NJ and Dr. Wayne Mucci and his wife Camille of Parkland, Florida and their respective families. Ali is also in the hearts of her second cousins Ryan, Jenna, Michael and Dayna. Ali is predeceased by both her maternal and paternal grandparents.

Ali's wake will be held at Molloy Funeral Home located at 906 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, on Friday, June 3rd from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Ali's

service to celebrate her life will be held at Saint Thomas The Apostle Church located at 872 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, on Saturday June 4th at 10:00 AM. Immediately following the service, a reception to celebrate Ali's life will be held at Wampanoag Country Club, 60 Wampanoag Drive, West Hartford, CT from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM. All are welcome.

Donations in Ali's memory may be made to Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Department of Cardiology, 282 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106; Phone: 860.837.5700, On-Line at foundation@connecticutchildrens.org.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Celebration of Life

JUN 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle
872 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT
(860) 233-8269

Reception

JUN 4. 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Wampanoag CC
60 Wampanoag Dr.
West Hartford, CT 06117
<https://www.wampanoagcc.com>

Tribute Wall

PM

“ *PETER MUCCI purchased the Lavender Love Bouquet for the family of Alixandra Cascio.*



PETER MUCCI - June 03, 2016 at 08:44 PM

BM

“ *Jim and Family,*

We are so sorry for your loss and our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Bob and Sue Maher

Bob Maher - June 03, 2016 at 09:31 AM

GM

“ *Jim, Judith and Family,*

Sending you our condolences with deepest of sympathy. My your memories give you peace and comfort.

The staff & crews at Green Machine

Green Machine - June 03, 2016 at 08:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Alixandra Cascio*.



June 02, 2016 at 10:34 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of *Alixandra Cascio*.



June 02, 2016 at 11:33 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Alixandra Cascio*.



June 01, 2016 at 09:53 PM



“ *Rays of Light Spray* was purchased for the family of *Alixandra Cascio*.



June 01, 2016 at 08:07 PM

AW

“ *My deepest sympathies. It was a pleasure getting to know Ali and you both.*
Sincerely,
Alli, CCMC PICU RN

Allison Wooten - June 01, 2016 at 07:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alixandra Cascio.*



June 01, 2016 at 07:42 PM

MK

“ *To Judith and Jim,*

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Ali. Please know I will keep her in my prayers.

Love,
Mia Kutanjac

Mia Kutanjac - June 01, 2016 at 06:50 PM

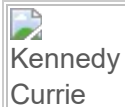


Kennedy Currie

“ To the Cascio Family,
My heart goes out to each of you and I am so very sorry for your loss. Ali was in a class with me freshman year and was a sweet girl that I remember sitting next to. Such a bright and nice person that will be missed by her HPU family. Your family will be in my family's prayers. God bless!



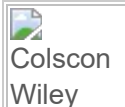
Kennedy Currie - June 01, 2016 at 02:12 PM



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Kennedy Currie - June 01, 2016 at 02:09 PM



Colson Wiley

“ The Cascio Family,

I am deeply saddened by the loss of Ali. As a student athlete of High Point University, I had the pleasure of running into Ali on few occasions. In such a tight knit community, whether relationships personal or not, we are all affected by those around us. Ali's broad smile was certainly contagious and brought happiness to anyone she passed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. The Lord certainly has another amazing angel.

*Sincerely,
Colson Wiley*

Colson Wiley - June 01, 2016 at 01:10 PM

J(

“ Dear Jim & Judith,

We are deeply saddened by the loss of Alix. It is with a heavy heart that we keep the entire Cascio family in our thoughts and prayers....for many days to come.

Joe & Cindy Cascio (Venice,FL) - June 01, 2016 at 12:03 PM

MC

“ Dear Jim and Judith,

Words cannot express how heartbroken I was to hear of your loss. When my dad passed three years ago, someone wrote this to me and it has carried me through - I hope it does the same for you!

"What we have enjoyed deeply we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us". ~ Helen Keller

So sorry for the loss of your beautiful daughter Alixandra.

Michael and Nancy Collins

Michael and Nancy Collins - May 31, 2016 at 07:28 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Alixandra Cascio.*



May 31, 2016 at 02:38 PM

CB

“ My heart broke when the news was shared here at Watkinson today. Ali was such a pleasure to work with as an advisee, as well as a student in my classes. With her gentle yet fierce disposition she would take on whatever was at hand. I remember our walk around Sturbridge Village together, and the heart to heart conversations that we had. She could have earned many diplomas for all that she accomplished on her life journey.

Many blessings to all who she has left behind....she was a dear young woman.

Christina Brown (aka Hutton)

Christina Brown - May 31, 2016 at 12:57 PM

DS

“ *Judith and Jim - Ali has been an inspiration to all of us for 23 beautiful years! While the pain is unbearable at this moment, know that she lived life to the fullest because of you. You gave her the best that life could give and she gave it back ten fold to all of us. She cherished every day and each moment and has touched so many lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love - Donna, Vic, Jenna and Alex Szesakow*

Donna Szesakow - May 31, 2016 at 12:28 PM

DW

“ *Jim, I am so sorry to hear about your Beautiful Daughter, my prayers are with you and your wife Judith. Sounds like your daughter gave this a good fight and never gave up. There are no words for this, I know, just keep her loving spirit alive always.*
Diane Whetter

Diane Whetter - May 31, 2016 at 09:44 AM

MB

“ *Jim and Judith,
I'm so sorry to learn about the death of your daughter. She sounds
like an amazing person and a true joy to you.*
MaryRose Boysen

MaryRose Boysen - May 31, 2016 at 08:42 AM

KG

“ *Ali, we love you and will miss you dearly forever. Our love and
prayers of comfort to Jim & Judith, your loving parents. Sincerely,
the Gelbars*

kathy gelbar - May 31, 2016 at 04:43 AM