



**LETTER FROM HEAVEN**

WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME  
AND I'M NOT THERE TO SEE;  
IF THE SUN SHOULD RISE AND FIND YOUR EYES  
ALL FILLED WITH TEARS FOR ME;  
I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE ME,  
AS MUCH AS I LOVE YOU,  
AND EACH TIME THAT YOU THINK OF ME,  
I KNOW YOU'LL MISS ME TOO  
SO WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME,  
DON'T THINK WE'RE FAR APART,  
FOR EVERY TIME YOU THINK OF ME,  
I'M RIGHT HERE, IN YOUR HEART.

Stephanie Raye (Anderson) Sanford, 27, of Watford City, ND formerly of Frazee, MN died at the Mayo Hospital in Rochester, MN surrounded by her loving family on November 18, 2021 after a year-long, fierce battle with Leukemia and Graft Versus Host Disease. Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 11:00am at the First Lutheran Church in Watford City, ND.

Stephanie was born on one of the coldest days of the year in January, 1994 in Detroit Lakes, MN. She grew up on the family turkey farm near Wolf Lake, MN with her parents and two older brothers, Erik and Peter.

Stephanie was baptized and attended church at Bethany Lutheran Church near Wolf Lake. She was confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran in Frazee, MN. Steph attended school in Frazee, MN and graduated with the Class of 2012. She was a proud member of the successful Frazee Flygirls Dance Team. She received her undergraduate degree at Minnesota State - Moorhead and her Master's degree in Speech Language Pathology at Minot State University in 2018. Stephanie loved her job as a speech therapist working with young children in the Watford City School system.

On December 28, 2018 Steph married her love, Kevin Sanford in a small ceremony in Scottsdale, AZ and they began their life together. They enjoyed the simple things and both were happy being homebodies. Fishing, hunting, and friends around a campfire were some of their best days.

In November, 2019 they welcomed little Sonny Jean into the world and she became the light of their lives! Stephanie is survived by her husband, Kevin, their daughter, Sonny, her parents, John Anderson and LaRaye Anderson, her brothers Peter and Erik (Elise) and their 6 children, Thomas, Nora, Rosie, Samuel, Katherine & Michael. She is also survived by her in-laws, Ron and Janet Sanford, Brad (Amber) Sanford and their three boys, Cody, Jack & Carson, Kayla (Peter) Lardakis, and their children Sia and Will.

Steph was preceded by her grandparents, John and Hazel Pilot and Dennis and Rosie Anderson.

*In Memory Of*



*Stephanie Raye Sanford*

*January 17, 1994 - November 18, 2021*

# *Stephanie Raye Sanford*

*Born to John & LaRaye Anderson  
January 17, 1994~Detroit Lakes, MN*

*Passed Away  
November 18, 2021~Rochester, MN*

*Memorial Services  
11:00 AM Tuesday, November 23, 2021  
First Lutheran Church  
Watford City, ND*

*Officiating  
Pastor Garrett Gudmundsen*

*Music  
Duane Sanford*

*All of Stephanie's family and friends will be honorary  
pallbearers*

*Final Resting Place  
Cherry Cemetery  
McKenzie County, ND*

*Arrangements By  
Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home*

