



Dara Chrystine Morris

April 6, 1999 - November 1, 2025

Dara Chrystine Morris, age 26, passed away on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at her home in Aurora, MO with family by her side. She was born in Aurora, MO on Tuesday, April 6, 1999; daughter of Dionna Priest and Robert Morris. She was a 2017 graduate of Beardstown High School in Illinois; however, she attended school in Pierce City until her senior year. She excelled in school and participated in FFA and Spanish Club. She was also very artistic and enjoyed being creative through art. Dara obtained an associate's degree in science and had a goal of becoming a zoo veterinarian. She enjoyed food (dessert, chocolate shakes, coffee, etc.), music, animals, VW bugs, reading, and watching crime shows. Dara loved her dog, "Ninja" and her nephews. She will be missed by many!

Surviving are the following, her mother, Dionna Priest and Uncle Danon Priest of the home in Aurora, MO; father, Robert Morris of Wentworth, MO; siblings, Darek (Jessica) Morris of McDowell, MO; and Daylee Shinebarger of Nixa, MO; four nephews, Joel, Aiden, Jameson, and Easton; paternal grandmother, Annibel Morris of Wentworth, MO; several aunts, uncles, and cousins; and many friends.

Those welcoming Dara to heaven include her maternal grandparents, Wayne and Peggy Priest; paternal grandpa, Eugene Morris; and a cousin, Cody Blankenship.

The family will receive friends at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on Monday, November 10, 2025, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. A Celebration of Life will be at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, beginning at 2:00 PM with Pastor Nicole Shinebarger officiating.

Memorials may be made, in Dara's memory, to Haven of the Ozarks in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Lakin Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

MK

“ *Dara's beautiful mother Dionna is one with our USDA food inspection team in Monett. We are honored to work with Dara's awesome mom!!*

Michael Knight - November 11, 2025 at 02:18 PM

EW

“ *Dara was a very sweet girl. I went to church with her when she was a child. She was always smiling. I thought the world of her. She is in gods hands now and will forever watch over her friends and family. My prayers to her family for their lose. She will forever be missed. God Bless.*

Ella Withnell - November 11, 2025 at 11:47 AM

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“ *Taylor Jean and Mama J, BHS class of '17 purchased the Blue Chrysanthemums (Silk Maus oleum Flowers) for the family of Dara Chrystine Morris.*



Taylor Jean and Mama J, BHS class of '17 - November 03, 2025 at 09:02 PM

DP

“ *Dara and my family at darek and Jessica's wedding. And Dara in this year's Halloween costume.*



Damon priest - November 02, 2025 at 08:10 PM

DS

Oh my sweet, sweet girl! This blows my mind seeing that you've been called home. I loved getting to see you when I worked at UAMS Porton Center and that smile was everything! I've enjoyed playing FaceTime games with you and chatting with you on messenger. Fly free beautiful girl!!

Dee Sanford - November 03, 2025 at 07:26 PM

RC

“ She was a precious little lady, she came and stayed with us when my granddaughters came to visit. She was always kind to others and loved her Bible school days. She is gone from us but will never be missed. Love you Miss Dara.

Renita Chasteen - November 02, 2025 at 07:43 PM