



Rachel Jane Esposito

September 24, 1984 - June 28, 2024

If one was watching the skies at sunrise on June 28, 2024, one might have noticed a star in the north sky dim a little more than the rest. Not long after sunrise the world lost a bright light and will forever be that much darker. Rachel Jane Esposito passed onto her next journey in the great beyond that morning, leaving behind a village that is shattered.

Born on September 24, 1984 to Deborah Maxey Howard and Jay Frank Weiland, Rachel erupted into this world with a fire that would never be quelled until death. Born with spina bifida, she spent her life challenging doctors, teachers, mentors, friends, and family. Not accepting the words “be safe“ and “you won’t be able to do that“, she excelled at proving the naysayers wrong. Through many tragedies, she rose above them, the majority being the deaths of close friends and family. Grandparents Doris Maxey, Leneous Maxey, James Frank Weiland, as well as her father, Jay Frank Weiland, and her best friend Daniel Lee Lister all preceded her in death.

Through great adversity comes great growth. A wonderful stepfather, Joseph Howard, and his large extended family would soon enter the picture and her world would become fuller. Then in the year 2000 in an Easton High School drama class, Rachel would meet a young man who, while awkward and highly annoying, would become a permanent attachment at her side. Matthew Esposito entered her world and would not be turned away. After years of

dating and courtship, they eventually married on November 28, 2009. Before and after this they created two amazing and beautiful daughters: Rory Jane Esposito and Isabella Hughes Esposito. Along with a large number of nieces and nephews their blood family was thus complete.....or so they thought.

Rachel had a heart larger than most. Whether it be an animal or a person, Rachel was quick to open her home to any and all that needed a place to stay. Dogs, cats, guinea pigs, hamsters, fish, children, and too many people to count would all become fixtures in their growing home. No person would go without a place to lay their head, a meal in their belly, and shared love in their hearts. An amazing revelation would occur in 2017 that would finally complete her blood family. After years of searching, she located her long lost brother Greg Dill, his beautiful wife, Becky Dill, and an amazing nephew, Luke Dill. Coupling her blood family with her extended family, family like Tiffany Rice, Beth Price, Carrie Jones, Krystal Sheeler, and many others, her heart was fuller than ever.

Not to be out done in happiness, hardships would soon return. Rachel would soon become an amputee after years of fighting illness. Still in good spirits and adjusting to a new way of life, the Covid plague would soon arrive and contain people to their homes. But in all darkness light can be found if one looks hard enough, which is exactly what Rachel did. She found through online platforms the ability to advocate and help others in issues that she cared about. Domestic violence victims, children, mental health advocacy, and veterans assistance groups would all find help from a caring person known as Stitch. Through this moniker, and mostly unknown, she was involved in over 800 cases through the years to help those in need, 200 in the past year alone. No matter what obstacles were thrown at Rachel, drive and desire would always lead to possibility and purpose.

The amount of lives she touched is incalculable. Be it one of her countless

friends (who are all considered family in our eyes), her massive biological family, or a random stranger that she was blessed to meet, she would make a lasting impact on the lives and hearts of others wherever she traveled. The lights in the sky shine dimmer now with hers extinguished, but what everyone she touched now knows, is that the light shines brighter in their own hearts. Take in a stray..... Give a person a meal.....Mend a friendship..... Take the time to spread Rachel's light. The world is a brighter place for it.

A visitation will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Easton, MD on Saturday July 6, 2024 from 11am - 1pm. A service will follow, starting at 1pm.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. - Easton
200 S. Harrison St.
Easton, MD 21601

Service

JUL 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rachel Jane Esposito*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 02, 2024 at 11:42 AM



Adam
Maxey

Call Grandma granddad for me. Do we meet again love cuz always and forever rip

Adam Maxey - July 02, 2024 at 12:22 PM

SG

What a beautiful tribute to Rachel. She clearly loved life and faced every challenge head on. Thinking of you all.

Susan Galanek - July 02, 2024 at 06:37 PM

SS

What a truly beautiful human inside and out I love you more and forever rachel

Sara serrett - August 12, 2024 at 11:53 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear of Rachel's passing. She was a fighter in every sense of the word. Sending our condolences to Rachel's family and friends- may you find peace in this time of grief.

*Katie Jo Sullivan, CRNP
Miles River Primary Care*

Katie Sullivan - July 08, 2024 at 11:33 AM

BW

“ Benny and I are so very sorry. Watching Rachael grow up was a joy. I remember Debby Benny and I would sit and just listen to the love Deb has for Rachael.

*Our heart prayers go with you
Sending so much hugs and love to you and Joey*

Ben and Cathy Wilson - July 04, 2024 at 04:00 AM

CS

“ I remember Rachael when she was a little girl. She had a big heart even then. My family and I send our deepest condolences to her family and friends. You are in our hearts and prayers.

Cathy Sewell

cathy sewell - July 03, 2024 at 12:23 PM



DK

Our Condolences to her amazing family. She was like my own. She has always shined in everything she done and her sparkling smile and laugh lit up the room when she entered, and her wit was like no other. Will meet again sweetheart. Keep shining up above , dancing, laughing, and I know your spirit will continue on here to watch over your beautiful family.

Donna kibler, David Kibler - July 04, 2024 at 01:08 PM

LL

“ Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers continue for your family. Rachel was such a bright light in our family and we will always remember all the fun times we shared . Rachel’s spirit will forever live in our hearts . We love you all !



*Mike and Lorraine Luongo
Mikey and Sara Luongo
Courtney Luongo Preskenis and Jimmy Preskenis*



Lorraine Luongo - July 03, 2024 at 11:54 AM

BB

“ Bonnie Bowman lit a candle in memory of Rachel Jane Esposito



Bonnie Bowman - July 03, 2024 at 10:26 AM

BH

“ Debbie thinking of you and all of Rachel’s family / friends and keeping everyone in my thoughts and prayers now and in the days to follow. God Bless!



Beverly S Hahn - July 02, 2024 at 06:25 PM

VB

“ Vickie Bildstein lit a candle in memory of Rachel Jane Esposito



Vickie Bildstein - July 02, 2024 at 06:11 PM

AA

“ Angela Lynn Adams sent a virtual gift in memory of Rachel Jane Esposito



Angela Lynn Adams - July 02, 2024 at 05:00 PM

VW

“ Valerie Wheatley lit a candle in memory of Rachel Jane Esposito



Valerie Wheatley - July 02, 2024 at 03:01 PM

PZ

“ Beautiful person, beautiful heart, fly high pretty angel. Patty and Jim □□□



Patty & Jim Zweemer - July 02, 2024 at 02:45 PM

JG

“ *Jill Garvey lit a candle in memory of Rachel Jane Esposito*



Jill Garvey - July 02, 2024 at 02:34 PM

BM

“ *Belinda M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rachel Jane Esposito.*

Belinda M. - July 02, 2024 at 12:43 PM

LR

“ *You will be truly missed classmate* 💜💜💜



lestia ross - July 02, 2024 at 11:51 AM

TS

“ *Terry And Rick Stacey lit a candle in memory of Rachel Jane Esposito*



Terry and Rick Stacey - July 02, 2024 at 11:44 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rachel Jane Esposito.



July 02, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ Megan Schulte lit a candle in memory of Rachel Jane Esposito



Megan Schulte - July 02, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ What an amazing person Rachel is and what a remarkable life she lived. Thinking of Rachel's loved ones and praying you find peace and comfort as you mourn.

Penny Finkner

Penny Finkner - July 02, 2024 at 11:32 AM



“ Mollie Connolly lit a candle in memory of Rachel Jane Esposito



Mollie Connolly - July 02, 2024 at 09:30 AM

HE

“ my heart and prayers go out to you Matt and the girls!



HEATHER - July 02, 2024 at 07:04 AM

BS

“ I remember dinners and friendsgiving. A lot laughs. Rachel was always kind, unless you gave her reason not to be, I never saw that side of her. She was a great mom and wife. She was always there for wife when she needed someone to vent to or a shoulder to cry on. The glitter finger will never be the same. I love ya and I'm glad you are no longer in pain. I wish we could have had one more game night so we could play Cards Against Humanity lol. Until we meet again.

Bobby Sheeler - July 01, 2024 at 07:56 PM

DC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God wrap his loving comforting arms around you all. Lots of Love,
Debbie & JC



Debbie and JC Correa - July 01, 2024 at 02:48 PM