



Katie L Ryan

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On May 14, 2019 Katie L. Ryan found peace from her long hard fought battle with cancer. She is going to be upset that it says Katie, so I shall refer to her as Kate. Kate leaves behind, her loving father John Ryan and her mother Karen Casabura and husband John. Kate who was her dad's little girl always worried about her dad's feelings when having to discuss her illness. Thus hiding most of it from him so he would not be upset as any loving father like John would be. She was also the boss between the two when it came to his diet and healthcare constantly, on top of him if he strayed off the path. Kate would argue with Karen, when Karen would tell her she had to eat or drink, which we all got a little jolt of from Kate at times, as we all know.

Kate leaves behind her supportive loving brother Terry and wife Gemma, who have given Kate three beautiful nieces, Keeleigh, McKenzie and Ellie. Kate has such great love of family. She took extreme joy in seeing baby Ellie born and bringing her joy each and every morning when Gemma would send a picture to brighten Kate's day. Kate also loved to see McKenzie perform in school events and excel in gymnastics. Kate also took great pride in Keeleigh and her passion for riding and care of horses all under the direction of her instructor Kate. Kate was a tough instructor, as Kate's good friend Linda Williams will attest to, no stirrups! Kate was given such love and care by Terry, Gemma and the girls, a thank you would never be enough, so we love you will have to do. Kate also leaves behind her loving dog child Pippa, who was by her side constantly through all of the battles offering, unconditional love, comfort and support.

Kate was a fantastic equestrian rider and a member of the South Creek Foxhounds, where she loved to hunt and socialize with the many wonderful friends that have been so supportive and loving through the years. I can't say thank you enough to each and every one of you because the list is too long and I wouldn't want to miss



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anybody. The early morning rise to drive miles to a farm to hunt at the crack of dawn brought unbelievable joy to Kate. It may have been the tea after the hunt that she and all of you looked forward to. The love and care of the horses themselves was an example of the love that Kate had for the sport that she started at around 2 years old while in England. I got to meet Marlene, in England, who was a big reason why Kate was so good and had some much knowledge about horses. As I said she was a tough instructor even yelling at me when I took one lesson with her, notice one. Kate had the attitude when dealt with the bad news of this terrible disease at a young age that she was going to worry about living and not dying. As you all know she was the comeback kid. Just when you thought this was it, she was up in a saddle jumping a coup or running a half marathon in Disney. Kate was a person who put herself out to help others and never let anybody know how difficult times were physically and emotionally for her. It was all about not letting others down.

I was able to witness all this first hand because I am Kate's Fiance, Todd Brien, who she is not leaving behind but waiting for me in a better place. I got to live through each and every precious moment with Kate the past several years through good times and bad. I got to experience love from deep in the heart where there was no love any stronger. I got to share a life however short with the most incredible woman a man could have. She loved and cared for me just as much as I for her. Apologizing to me that she was putting me through this again, worrying about me each and every time bad news would come our way. But there was no need to apologize because she knew that we would do this together and that I would be by her side through it all.

Together we been through the ringer and back but not once did we lose our focus on living. We lived and we loved in a way that was simple and pure, we gave our hearts to each other which was unconditional. Kate brought such joy in to my life in such a short time. I could say I got cheated but that would be a lie, because I was able to experience love with the most incredible beautiful person you could ever have the chance of loving. We have shared many of tears but we also rejoiced in life that we shared. I regret that we didn't get to our wedding day but that does not change the love and joy that we shared in our home that Kate truly made a home.

Kate was very loving and caring to my daughter Renee who she was so proud of for



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her scholastic accomplishments in high school and college. Kate loved family and having my family over to stay with us in our home. So much so she created albums to document the visits. The love and happiness of being in RI for Christmas with my family was a joy to watch even though it was negative zero. Needless to say that happened just once for these two Floridians.

As Kate moves on to a better place awaiting us all, I take relief, although extremely heartbroken that she suffers no more. Till we meet again in a better place my love. I LOVE YOU FIANCE AND I KNOW AS YOU SAY "I LOVE YOU MORE"

Thank you all for your support and love. There is going to be a private memorial service for family only at Memorial Park. There will be celebration of life to follow at a later date which will be posted on social media to all those that would like to celebrate this amazing loving person. In lieu of flowers we are requesting that a donation be made to the "Be Great Like Kate Foundation" we are going to establish to give back to organizations that were important to Kate, in her name. The emphasis live, love and fight like Kate. Information will be posted in social media as to how you can donate directly to the fund once it established.



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HE

Heidi lit a candle in honor of Katie.



May 26 at 2:39 PM

PL

Pamela Link lit a candle in honor of Katie.

R.I.P. Kate



May 22 at 4:22 PM

GM

Gail Mccrary posted:

Kate we love you sweet girl and will miss you till we meet again. Thoughts and pray for your family .

May 21 at 8:18 AM

JS

Judith Salmon posted:

I first met Kate many years ago when she was involved in the showing of Marlene Davey's ponies from the Ninfield Stud and I was breeding ponies too. Her love of horses remained with her through the years as shown by her continuing to hunt and teach. I was so pleased to reconnect with her in recent years and to spend time with her. The way she has dealt with this cruel illness has been an inspiration to everyone and her determination to live her life to the full the way she wanted. I'm so pleased that she had Todd's love and support through everything and I know she was so excited and looking forward to the day they would be married. Sadly that wasn't to be. The wonderful words you have written Todd sum up your huge love and respect you had for Kate. My condolences go to Kate's family and friends. We will all miss her but her pain has ended and she is in a better place. Love to you all at this difficult time.

May 20 at 2:25 AM

KC

Kendra Cote posted:

I am at a loss for words. Kate was such an inspiring young woman who showed us all how to fight hard for what you want. I will remember her from Sirata and after. Rest In Peace and glad you are not suffering.

May 19 at 5:49 PM



MK

Melissa Kramer posted:

Katie... having only really met you in person five times I feel silly leaving you a note. Yet I have so many things to tell you I do not know where to start. I guess to start with how I met you was through your father, John. I can say most earnestly, that having worked at an international boarding school for over 15 years; with having met people all over the world ... I may say with the truest of fact that I have never in my life met a father that spoke more glowingly, with more admiration about his daughter than your father John Ryan. Katie, when your father speaks about you, he gets this look in his eye, his entire face glows his cheeks actually perk up his face! He turns a slight shade of pink, as well as he gets this grin on his face. Never in my 50 years of having a man talk about his daughter so completely With the most amount of adoration ever. It is an absolute joy to watch yes, watch your father talk about you. As I sit here now to write this note to you Katie I find myself reflecting upon how many times I make your father talk about you just so I could see his Face light up with the most amount of adoration ever. It was an absolute joy to watch yes, watch your father talk about you. As I sit here now to write this note to you Katie I find myself reflecting upon how many times I would make your father talk about you just so I could see face his perk up... Also Katie, you are most fortunate to have a brother such as Terry. May I also say never have I seen a brother so completely, fiercely Protective as your Terry. Terry is absolutely one in 1 billion. You are so beyond fortunate to have such an amazing brother. To be able to juggle a business, such is his, his amazing headstrong & beautiful wife, 💎 Gemma, as she truly is a Gem, 3 gorgeous little girls who their aunt Katie was not only "like the coolest ever", Aunt Katie, was always the one person to count on to hang out with no matter what. May I also say Katie that having been around your family for a number of years, now I have picked up a few of the cockney lingo. You & any number of your family members could have a tiny bit of a 'roe' yet as soon as it was over, Katie you would say "I love you" to everyone before you walked out the door Katie when I first met your father, you told me of your illness I was personally in awe of you.... you were so young when I first met you I believe like 22, so unbelievably, magnificently gorgeous! You had an attitude as big as the day is long. You had the fiercest sharpest determination out of anyone I have ever met in my life. You will never know as to what a personal inspiration you have always been to me... I always, always always look to you privately ... I always thought as to how young You were ; I always thought well hell if Katie can do it so can I... I never told your father that either; as i never wanted to upset him...Katie, you were so blessed with a beautiful family of cousins, aunts & uncles & cousins ...I am so happy to have been welcomed into your family, your aunts always talked about you how brave you are. I am sorry this is so long I just wanted you to know as to how much you really did mean to me; even if it was private to me; I never told anyone. I am so very proud of how hard you fought; anytime I was not feeling well or feeling down I always thought of you first; I thought what would Katie do how would Katie react, how would Katie feel? I just wanted you to know. Thank you

May 16 at 2:00 PM



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NA

Nancy posted:

Kate was my daughters first horse trainer.she taught my brie the love of horses.and she taught us a lot of cuss words.she really tried hard not to cuss lately. But that showed what great spirit and wonderful soul she was. I truly admired you and loved every ounce of persistence you had.thank you for being you and for being my friend.

May 18 at 5:45 PM

AJ

Ashelyn Johnson lit a candle in honor of Katie.



May 18 at 10:43 AM

JM

Jan Mcdonald posted:

Miss you Kate.

May 18 at 10:04 AM

CH

Chris Head posted:

I am a 90-years-old Brit from Manchester, who used to make annual up-to-3-months visits to my daughter Caroline & her husband Bill in Tierra Verde. My last such visit was in 2008, some 11 years ago. During these visits I got to know Kate's mother Karen very well, but I never had the opportunity of forming any close friendship with the young Kate, more's the pity. However, over the last 11 years, I've been kept well informed on Kate's life by both Caroline & Karen, to the extent that I have lived through the agony of her illness with them, & I know fully well what she has been through, & the bravery with which she has faced it. Kate has been an example of sheer fortitude to us all.The obituary you've written here, which I have just read, is the most wonderful obituary that I have ever seen, with most incredible & truly touching words, that sum up this beautiful girl's life & love of it, in spite of all adversity. The words say it all, what more could I add?My thoughts & love & deepest sympathy go out to Kate's mother Karen, whom I regard as my own 'other daughter', & also to all Kate's family, including her fiancée, none of whom I personally know. This is a very sad time indeed, & may God grant you all strength to face it.Chris

May 18 at 9:59 AM



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LI

Linda posted:

I was so looking forward to seeing Kate when I come over in June and giving her a big hug for being so strong through it all but sadly I have missed the opportunity 😞, I hadn't seen her since she was a youngster as I live across the water in England. Dear Kate may you Rest In Peace no more pain but your love will go on and on, God bless lots of love Sparky xx 🥹🥹

May 18 at 9:01 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Ryan family.



May 18 at 7:36 AM

SH

Sherry lit a candle in honor of Katie.

Although i had known Kate for only a couple of years, Kate became one of my "daughters". We had many chats and she shared a few fears towards the end of her life . Mostly concerned about her family and Todd, never about herself She was so strong and put up a great fight for life! She was an example for all who knew her. She touched so many hearts and will remain in mine.



May 18 at 5:09 AM

JB

Janice Baker posted:

I was one of the lucky ones who held her when she arrived and was holding her hand when she left. Love you always Kate. Aunt Jan xx

May 18 at 4:48 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Ryan family.



May 18 at 3:56 AM



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AS

Allison Simon posted:

My prayers go out to Katie's family members and friends, may Almighty God continue to comfort you at this time of great sorrow and in the days to come. 1 Corinthians 15: 26

May 17 at 5:22 PM

KW

Krista Wilson posted:

I did not know Kate well, but I did know her through horses. We kept our horses at the same barn in Pinellas County for a time. She was tough, fun, and loved her horses. I admired her more, when I learned the battle with breast cancer she was fighting. My sincere condolences to her loving family, friends and fiance. Rest in Peace, Kate- you were a beautiful soul.

May 17 at 3:58 PM

JB

Janice Baker posted:

I was luckier than some to have held her when she was born and held her when she left us. You will always be in my heart Kate. Aunt jan xxx

May 17 at 3:55 PM

AF

Andrea Fazio sent an Arrive in Style to the Ryan family.



May 17 at 10:17 AM



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Jessica Sayne-Turner lit a candle in honor of Katie.

Heartbroken to hear of the passing of this very dear friend of mine. I remember being there the day she told us about the first lumps and then for the results. This is a beautiful testimony to what a wonderful person all around Kate was. I knew her for about 10 years, had her as part of my wedding, we actually came across Fidget together, and though I havent seen her in awhile, we always talked over the years and I loved her so much. I will cherish the beautiful memories I have of Kate and take comfort knowing she is no longer in pain or suffering. I never met you Todd, but I am so glad she finally found the perfect man for her and that you were by her side through it all. There will never be anyone who comes close to Kate. She was just the best and I will miss her dearly. My sincere condolences to you Todd and to all of her family.



May 17 at 9:11 AM

DK Donna Kober May 19 at 3:37 AM

Kate was the strongest and most loving person I have ever met; she has a special place in my heart. And she also gave me the craziest dog I have ever had!! remember the day she told me about her grandmother's gift to her.....the special bottle....Thank you Todd, she thought she would never experience the excitement of being engaged and preparing for her wedding. No piece of paper could take the place of the love you showed her; your hearts were already married.My condolences to you, John and to all her family.

CB Cory Brien May 17 at 8:57 PM

My condolences. I am so happy I met her and her strong spirit and outlook on life! This is very sad! Love, Cory



Susanna posted:

I am very sorry to hear of your loss. May "the God of all comfort" help you all during these difficult times as you remember the beautiful promise He has given us for the future (2 Corinthians 1:3; Acts 24:15).

May 17 at 6:28 AM



St Petersburg Window Sales sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Ryan family.



May 16 at 2:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Katie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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