



Ciara Anne Byrne

May 10, 2004 - May 30, 2024

Ciara Byrne, 20, tragically passed away on May 30, 2024, in a rafting accident on the Poudre River.

Ciara was born on May 10, 2004, in Dunkirk, NY, and lived in Lakewood, NY until she was two years old. At that time, Ciara moved with her family, Peter, Melissa, and Kelsey to Fort Collins, Colorado. She considered Fort Collins her true hometown.

Ciara attended Zach Elementary, Kinard Middle School, Fossil Ridge High School and then continued her education at Front Range Community College. She planned on continuing her studies at Colorado State University in the fall, majoring in psychology. Ciara worked as a dental assistant at Pediatric Dentistry of the Rockies for the past year. She loved her coworkers, helping children and their families, and constantly learning new things.

Any interaction with Ciara was defined by her wit, sense of humor, and kindness. She loved to spend time with family and friends, always finding new experiences together. She was a proud cat lady at age 20; her cat, Zuko, never left her side. She took cello lessons for several years and loved music deeply. This could be seen in beautiful duets with her teacher, Amy, or singing loudly in the car. She was a profoundly intelligent person both emotionally and academically. She especially excelled in and enjoyed math. We are so proud

of her in so many ways!

Ciara's creativity was embedded in how she presented herself and navigated the world, from her ever-stylish outfits to the physical pieces of art she created. She appreciated beauty in the world around her. One of our favorite memories perhaps was when she wore pink fairy wings to soccer practice in elementary school.

She pushed her loved ones out of their comfort zones, whether in trying something new or considering a new perspective. She was vocal about what's right and cared deeply about advocating for others. You couldn't find a more loyal friend.

Her fun spirit was contagious. She loved exploring new cities and beautiful places around the world, whether by seeing concerts, discovering beautiful vintage stores, or finding the best croissant in town. She especially enjoyed spending time in her second home of Dublin, Ireland, where her father's family lives. When in Dublin, she and Kelsey always jumped in the Forty Foot together, and she even convinced her father to take the polar plunge. Ciara brought joy, delight, and admiration to her forever grateful family.

There are no words to express this profound loss; we are heartbroken. We find comfort in knowing Ciara knew how much she was, and still is, deeply loved. Ciara is survived by her parents, Peter and Melissa Byrne of Fort Collins; older sister Kelsey Byrne of Fort Collins; beloved cat Zuko; grandparents Kathleen Weber and Nat Goodhartz of Hilton, NY; Allen E. and Suzanne Weber of Fort Myers, FL; aunts and uncles Myles and Aisling Byrne, and their children Rachel and Andrew, of Booterstown, Co. Dublin, Ireland; Wendi Weber and Jon Foster and their children Bailey and Clayton of South Deerfield, MA; She is survived by many other loving family members and friends who she loved deeply and who continue to love her.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in Ciara's name to either Children's Hospital of Colorado or Animal Friends Alliance.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 4:00pm on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at Tapestry House, 3212 N. Overland Trail, Laporte, CO 80535. We hope all who attend will wear their favorite colors and bring memories and photographs of our sweet and precious child; we want to see and hear them all.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Tapestry House
3212 N. Overland Trail
Laporte, CO 80535

Tribute Wall

MV

“Ciara was one of my earliest childhood friends and my first friend in the neighborhood. The memories closest to my heart of Ciara are the many times we would play Just Dance as kids. Nothing would beat our love for “This is Halloween” and “Airplanes” from Just Dance 3. “This is Halloween” has remained a particularly strong childhood memory of mine, one Ciara made (P.S. Ciara would always kick my butt). These memories extend to other play dates, birthdays, and holidays but I also had the privilege of growing up alongside Ciara K-12. We shared a variety of classes throughout the years and she was someone who I always admired for how well-rounded she was. I remember her being a constant star in our English classes and being in awe of her endeavors in the arts. Ciara gave every person she met love, a smile, and the benefit of the doubt. She was unconditionally true, strong, beautiful inside and out, and gave so much to those and the things she loved. She made each person in her life feel there was something within them. Ciara was someone I got to grow up with, laugh with, love, know, watch, and now treasure. Thank you Ciara for touching my life. And to Melissa, Peter, and Kelsey, you have all of my love.



Madison Virata - June 18, 2024 at 12:36 AM

AP

“ Ciara had such a beautiful way of making you feel comfortable like you were best friends regardless of the topic of conversation. Ciara, Kelsey, and I would spend hours chatting about the most random things at their home. One distinct memory I have with Ciara is when she shared her passion for K-Pop with me and explained all the necessary lore for her favorite K-pop group. Even though I had a limited knowledge on the matter, I remember intently listening because she had such a light in her eyes just talking about K-pop that made you just want to keep hearing more. Ciara was always one to brighten every room she walked in simply by cracking a witty joke. She always had one up her sleeve. I am so grateful for the fond memories I shared with Ciara growing up. <3 Sending my love

Anjana Peddi - June 18, 2024 at 12:05 AM

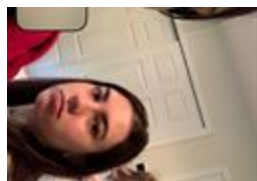
NW

“ I first got to know Ciara through Kelsey and eventually on my own in Ambassadors in high school. She came across as a bit shy and timid, but the more time we spent together it was easy to see just how passionate, kind, and silly she was. Whether we talked about avatar the last airbender or how to support others in need, she was someone I knew I could rely on and laugh with. It has been so beautiful to see and hear the impact she has had in so many people's lives and I feel so incredibly grateful that I had the chance to know her.

Nina Watters - June 17, 2024 at 11:55 PM

TS

“ To say it was an honor to be her is an understatement. Knowing Ciara has done more than change my life. We are the same person just in different places. She is more than bright and beautiful or smart, she has been an actual life saver to me and I wouldn't be in as good of a spot now if I hadn't had her to be there. She didn't have to do anything but exist and we'd all feel safe and comfortable. Ciara is the balance between us, the brains, the comedian, the light even on her own darkest days. As much as I will miss everything about her, her presence and soul are to bright and precious to not feel around you and for that I'm not as sad but grateful to be able to know that I can still celebrate milestones with her as my guardian angel. The last thing Ciara would want is to be the reason I slow down in life but little does she know she's the reason I keep going. I could talk about her for days (I have been and haven't stopped) but in short it's almost hard to be sad looking at our memories because the energy is so strong and powerful I feel nothing but joy and gratitude for being able to experience someone as genuine as Ciara. I love you and I always will, the three of us together forever no matter the distance <3



Trinity Starefos - June 13, 2024 at 06:28 PM

TS

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Trinity Starefos - June 13, 2024 at 06:30 PM

MM

“ Dear Byrne family,
I am deeply saddened to hear about the tragic loss of your daughter, Ciara. Losing a loved one, especially someone so young in such a freak accident, is an unimaginable pain that no words can truly soothe. Please know that you are in my thoughts as you navigate this overwhelming sorrow. May you find strength in each other and in the memories of the beautiful moments you shared with Ciara.
Holding you in peace and love,
Michelle Moret

Michelle Moret - June 13, 2024 at 02:15 PM

HR

“ Reading an obituary about any younger person is a cause for sadness - 'dying before their time'. Reading one involving a freak occurrence with such dire consequences is truly heartbreaking. No explanation is satisfactory, the cessation of a life so full of goodness and promise seems an unending nightmare.
I truly hope that an awareness that Ciara's loss is felt by thousands of strangers hold some slight comfort. That her death causes sadness and reflection and the vague desire to reach out and comfort those close to her left behind- will not be forgotten.
Please let happy memories be the focus at this tragic intersection of life and may God be there to provide a strong shoulder with the rainstorms of regret revisit you.
a caring 77 year old who aches for your loss.

Harland G. Ranney - June 12, 2024 at 08:09 AM

BB

“ *Melissa, Peter, and Kelsey. Our deepest sympathies for the loss of Ciara. Please know that if there is anything you need we are here to help. We will be keeping you and your family in our thoughts. Peace and love, Beth and Paul*

Beth Bass - June 10, 2024 at 07:39 PM

AT

“ *Ciara was one of the most important people in my life and meeting her changed my life for the better. She was so intelligent, witty, creative, loving, and so many more things. Due to our long distance, we were only able to meet up two times, but those are the most important and significant days of my life. Any time I was with her I felt incredibly safe and happy. She was always my biggest supporter, and was always there for me when I needed her. She was so beautiful, inside and out. Her loving personality and energy was so strong that we will feel it for the rest of our lives, no matter what happens.*



Alexa Troy - June 10, 2024 at 05:53 PM

KB

These are so sweet, thank you for sharing Lex <3

Kelsey Byrne - June 11, 2024 at 02:51 PM

SM

“ *Melissa, Peter and Kelsey,
Words can never express enough our heartfelt sympathy and love during this very tragic moment. Please know we are thinking of you and wishing you strength and resilience as you grieve the loss of your lovely Ciara.*

*Love,
Suzanne and Sandy Mayer*

Suzanne and Sandy Mayer - June 10, 2024 at 11:58 AM

RI

“ *1 file added to the album Ciara Memories*



Richard - June 09, 2024 at 06:03 PM

SH

“ Ciara and her family often came to visit us, her extended family in County Kildare, Ireland.

We really enjoyed those times in Maybrook (Ciara's late Grandmother's birthplace) watching Ciara and Kelsey getting to know their Irish cousins!

We particularly remember Ciara on a day out to Ranch O Reilly's fun farm in Carlow. She was so full of fun and laughter that day. We will always treasure those memories.

Our hearts are broken for Peter, Melissa and Kelsey. We are thinking of you all at this sad time.

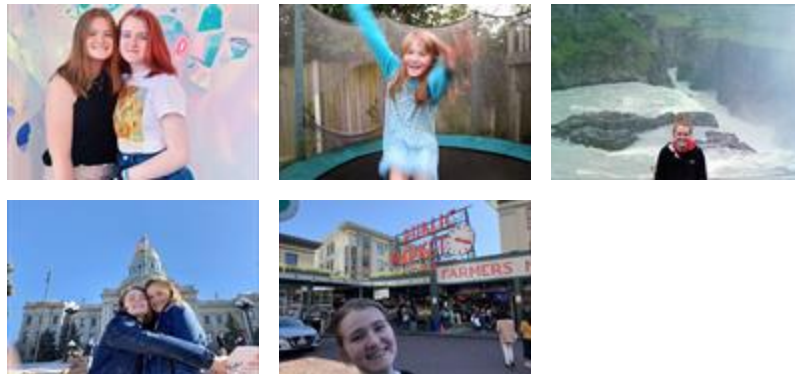
Take care, Teresa, Sheena, Roisin, Barbara ,Eoin, Brian, Conor and their families.



sheena - June 09, 2024 at 02:53 PM

KB

“ 10 files added to the album Ciara Memories



Kelsey Byrne - June 07, 2024 at 08:15 PM

LP

I love these pictures, she had such a radiant smile!

Linda Prewett - June 09, 2024 at 01:02 PM

DG

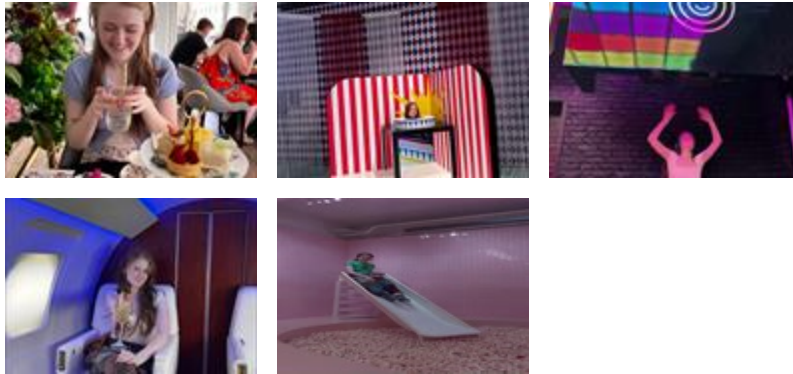
“*Ciara was my best friend and my girlfriend. We did everything together. Went out to the movies just about every week. She came to my baseball games, and introduced me to all of her favorite shows, movies, places to eat, etc. Every time we were together we made it a date no matter what we were doing. Playing Mario kart, watching avatar, having her read to me what happens after avatar when the show ended. She made me such a better, stronger person every moment we had with each other. I told her every single day how beautiful she truly was. Everyday she would look more and more stunning and then she'd hit me with her remarkable wit, and then she'd hit me with the most electric smile I've gotten witness. Every moment spent with her love would fully consume my body. Ciara only brought light into my life, now I must keep the light on, no matter how dark it fades, my light for her always will shine.*



Dominic Gray - June 05, 2024 at 07:21 PM

NB

“ Ciara was and will always be my best friend. We first met in middle school over a pack of hulu hoops and I knew then that I had made a friend for life. We always knew what the other one was thinking by just one look and we loved to joke that we share the same brain cell. I have never met anyone who got me as much as she did and I know that no one else ever will. The bond between us is beyond this world. I can feel Ciara around me every day, helping me make it through this, she is by my side forever. The value of our friendship is beyond measurable. I would do anything for one more moment with you, for one last memory. I miss you beyond words.



Nina Bostock - June 05, 2024 at 05:12 PM

NB

Im so sorry, I didn't mean to post some of these and I can't figure out how to delete them

Nina Bostock - June 05, 2024 at 05:15 PM