

Lisa Gwen Zetmeir

March 21, 1979 - April 3, 2020

Lisa Gwen Zetmeir was born March 21, 1979 to Gwyn and Averil Strand. The doctor called her a premium baby because her parents had been married 11 years before she was born. They were truly surprised when her due date was on her parent's birthday – they were both born on March 27. She, however had a mind of her own and came 6 days earlier than predicted. Her younger sister, Marci LeeAnne, was born 17 months later to complete the family. Joe and Annabelle Leo were her adopted grandparents and a major part of her life. None of us thought she would leave this world before Annabelle who is now 102 years old.

Lisa was smart, organized and responsible. Her sister Marci said she had “dead baby” syndrome because Lisa always left her room in perfect order with the bed made and everything put in its place. She somehow always knew that academic achievement was very important and never failed to do her homework without prompting.

Lisa played basketball in Junior high and was on the only non-all-star team picked to go to the Nationals. Unfortunately, a week before nationals she lost her ACL and was unable to go. Because she was still growing, she could not have her knee repaired right away and that stopped her basketball career. She had always said she was going to get an athletic scholarship, but with this setback, she just said: “That’s all right, I’ll just get an academic scholarship” and she did.

As a teenager she had a thoroughbred mare, named Billy and later two fous

from Billy. She rode hunter jumpers and performed in early competitions. She worked at the stable to support her horse's boarding.

She graduated from Poudre High School's first International Baccalaureate program and attended CSU where she received a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Biochemistry. She moved to St. Joseph, MO where she worked for Sigma Aldrich as a Chromatography Specialist and was responsible for sales in a 6-state region. Unfortunately, in her late twenties, she had to leave that job because she became disabled with MS. She moved back to Fort Collins to be close to family.

She married Jason Zetmeir (the love her life) August 16, 2019. They had their furry babies who were a great joy to them both. They had a remarkable life together with her managing the business aspects of the household and Jason helping her where her wheelchair would not allow her to go. She loved flowers and he made the yard beautiful by planting her favorites. They also planted and grew a large quantity of great vegetables in a very small space. Their life together was tragically cut short on April 3, 2020. After a series of life saving attempted surgeries, she lost her long-fought battle, leaving her family devastated with her loss.

Lisa's smile would light up the room when you were with her. People were drawn to her positivity and could see the wonderful daughter, wife and young woman she was. Lisa and Jason loved to have family celebrations and she always tried to be the best hostess possible. Lisa always wanted everyone to just smile, laugh, have a good time, and to enjoy life and each other's company.

She lost a great deal of the life she had loved when she became disabled, but always took a positive, can-do approach. She never gave up trying to be the best she could be.

The family all miss the ray of sunshine she brought into our world.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bohlender Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Lisa Gwen Zetmeir*



Bohlender Funeral Chapel - April 06, 2020 at 05:12 PM

JG

Beautiful Lisa, and a wonderful tribute. I'm so sorry for your loss, Marcie, Avie and James. You are all very special.

Jane Gerberding - April 10, 2020 at 10:38 PM

JG

*Jason (not James).
Sending my love and condolences ♥♥♥*

Jane Gerberding - April 10, 2020 at 10:44 PM

SS

*Avie - what a touching tribute to your daughter. What a beautiful smile. I'm so sorry for your loss and I extend my sympathy to you and all of your family.
Sue Statz*

Sue Statz - April 24, 2020 at 06:41 PM

SM

*Avie, That was a beautiful tribute to your daughter. I am very sorry for your loss and send my prayers and condolences to your family.
Sydney*

Sydney McLeod - April 30, 2020 at 03:23 PM

CO

“ Lisa never showed any anger towards me and was always kind, sweet, and caring plus so much more. She was one of a kind. I'm sorry for your loss Jason.

Colton - April 16, 2020 at 01:45 AM

JR

“ Avie,
Such a beautiful tribute to Lisa. Our thoughts, love and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Our deepest condolences for your loss.....

Jessica

Jessica Royer - April 14, 2020 at 02:30 PM

MN

“ Avie, my dear friend , Marcie, and Jason (who I never met) my thoughts, love and prayers are with you. The video brought back a lot of good memories.of the girls as babies, toddlers, teens. A fun family including Gwen.. I am so sorry life is not fair and hard to understand, but as time softens the pain the good times and the beauty will prevail. Love,Mary Lou

Mary Lou Newnam - April 12, 2020 at 12:11 PM

BL

“ Jason Gerald Zetmeir was added to the Family Tree.

Barbara Lambert - April 10, 2020 at 01:03 PM

GT

“ So sorry for the loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Gina Tovar

Gina Tovar - April 09, 2020 at 12:17 PM

TO

“ Jason, I never had the privilege of knowing you or Lisa - but what a beautiful couple you were. The love you shared was so evident in your wedding pictures. May those warm memories be with you forever and may God give you strength and wisdom as you chart this new path. Avie, I have known you for years and feel I missed something major by never meeting your daughter. I know how hard it is to lose a daughter. We lost our Lisa at age 36 - far too young - just like your Lisa. Please know there are many prayers being said and many hugs waiting to be given when we can once again do that. You were obviously a wonderful mom to rear that lovely daughter. Hugs and blessings to you.

Teri Olson

Teri Olson - April 08, 2020 at 09:20 PM

HY

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Holly Younger

Holly Younger - April 08, 2020 at 05:25 PM

PL

“ So sorry for your loss.



Paula Lady - April 08, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ Jason, may our Lord and Savior give you strength as you mourn the loss of your beloved wife, Lisa. She made your world a much happier place with her bubbly personality. You were very blessed to have her in your life.

Paula Johnson - April 08, 2020 at 11:07 AM

CT

“ I clearly recall the day that I met Lisa at Poudre HS. I had been invited to be a guest speaker in the health science classes and Lisa approached me with a margin of hesitation to inform me that she was "Avie Strand's daughter"... I hardly finished my first sentence about the privilege of working with her Mom when Lisa began beaming. She recognized her intellect and was so proud to be part of a family who inspired her to develop and use her gifts for health of her community. ...Lisa was YOUR DAUGHTER, Avie! She made the world a better place!

Colette Thompson - April 07, 2020 at 10:58 AM

LD

“ *To the loved ones of Lisa:
I understand Lisa brought so much joy to everyone that came into her life. Such a shining light in so many people's lives.
All I ever heard from her mother-in-law was what a kind and loving person she was.
Lisa left such wonderful memories for her loving family and anyone she touched.
Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm here for any needs.
Respectfully
Lynn Dickson*

Lynn Dickson - April 07, 2020 at 10:23 AM

MS

“ *We are so happy we got to come to the wedding and see Lisa and Jason at their very happiest moment here is a picture of Lisa's permanent smile for everyone to share*



Michael Seifert - April 06, 2020 at 09:41 PM

LG

“ *I remember watching home videos of Lisa jumping her horse and how graceful the two of them were together. I will also always remember Lisa's beautiful smile.*

Lynn George - April 06, 2020 at 09:38 PM

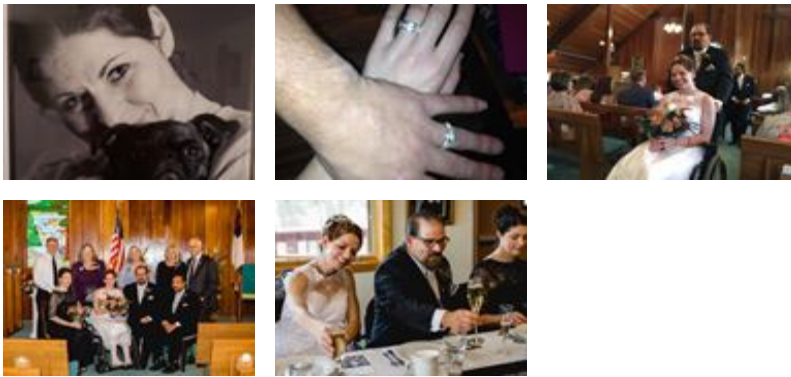
AC

“ Lisa was a beautiful person, inside and out! Our hearts are with all of you who loved her during this incredibly difficult time. Sending all our love,
Andrea, Brent, Breanne, Hayley and Caleb Johnson

Andrea Clement-Johnson - April 06, 2020 at 06:43 PM



“ 34 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bohlender Funeral Chapel - April 06, 2020 at 04:10 PM

LK

“ Avie, I had just talked to Lisa a month ago and remember her to be such a caring and loving person, who always thought about her family and other peoples happiness. She reminded me of you, as her expressions, were similar to yours. I will pray for you my friend and your family always.

Laurie Klith - April 06, 2020 at 01:48 PM