



## Jerrica Suzanne Houchins

August 6, 1986 - February 11, 2021

Surrounded by her family, God called His precious child, Jerrica Suzanne Houchins, to her heavenly home on February 11, 2021.

Jerrica was born on August 6, 1986 to Jerry Houchins and Sue Zan Welker in Cape Girardeau.

She was of the Southern Baptist faith, had attended and was a member of Bethany Baptist Church and most recently, the Cowboy Church at Gravel Hill. Jerrica was a 2005 graduate of Jackson High School. After graduation, she attended the University of Missouri and then transferred to Southeast Missouri State University where she received her degree in the Exceptional Child/Elementary Education. Later, she earned her master's degree from Southeast in Education Administration. Jerrica was a Special Education Teacher at Chaffee High School.

Jerrica loved being Maggie's mother; she considered her daughter the biggest and brightest accomplishment of her life. Jerrica had a passion for teaching. She fondly referred to her students as "my kids" and would move heaven and earth for their benefit. She loved going to concerts, Target, Aldi's, yard sales, taking jeep rides, kayaking, hunting, riding four wheelers and Proverbs 3:5-6. Jerrica had a light that attracted many and that light would shine through any darkened place or situation. Her vivacious, sarcastic, beautiful soul will be so

sadly missed.

Jerrica is survived by the loves of her life, fiancée Tanner Keith, their daughter, Maggie Keith and her ever faithful dog, Steve, of Glen Allen, her father and stepmother, Wendy Houchins of Cape Girardeau, her mother and stepfather, Keith Welker of Millersville, her Granny Gloria Welker of Fruitland and several aunts, uncles and cousins, all who loved her dearly.

Jerrica was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents: Cody and Margaret Ruth Hurley, paternal grandparents: Gerald "Houch" and Betty Houchins, step grandfather Leo "Red" Welker and step grandmother Dorothy Houchins.

Visitation and funeral service will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at Liley Funeral Home in Marble Hill. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until service time. Funeral service will begin at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Billy Garner officiating. Interment will follow in the Glen Allen Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jerrica was a friend of my son Nick. She was a good friend to him. I always enjoyed when she dropped by. That has been quite a few years ago but I remember her as such a sweet person. My sincere sympathies to all of her loved ones.

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**Gaye Laird** - February 23, 2021 at 02:03 PM

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“ I worked with Jerrica at CHS for over 10 years. She was very dedicated to her career as a special education teacher. She was one of the best in her field and will be hard to replace. The students and coworkers will miss her beautiful smile and positive presence throughout the school. Rest in peace Jerrica Houchins !

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**Mariann Wilson** - February 23, 2021 at 11:02 AM

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“ I didn't know Jerrica personally, but know her dad and if she was anything like her dad which I'm sure she probably was she would have been a very sweet and kind person. I'm so sorry Jerry and Wendy for your loss. It is very hard to lose a child. I'm praying for you in this difficult time. Also Jerrica and I share the same middle name - Suzanne. I rarely use my full name but loved the name anyway. Please accept our condolences.  
Don and Mary Sue (Suzanne) Emmons

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**Mary Sue Emmons** - February 22, 2021 at 09:37 PM