



## Jennifer Marie Bitz

September 9, 1971 - October 28, 2012

Jennifer Marie Bitz, 41, Bismarck, passed away October 28, 2012, in her sleep with her mother at her side, at St. Alexius Medical Center due to a long illness. Services will be held at 10:30 am Friday, November 2, at Church of St. Anne, Bismarck, with Rev. Ed Wehner officiating. Burial will be at a later date in St. Mary's Cemetery, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm Thursday, November 1, at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck, where a rosary/vigil will begin at 7:00 pm. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Jennifer was born September 9, 1971, in Bismarck, ND, the daughter of Susan Zent Pollak and John Bitz. She was raised and educated in Bismarck. With a passion to help people, Jennifer received a bachelor's degree in addiction counseling at Jamestown State College. She worked with Stutsman County Social Services and then went on to graduate with a master's in psychology from the University of Phoenix. Shortly thereafter, Jennifer moved back to Bismarck to pursue a PhD in Christian psychology. Jennifer was employed for a time by the Dollar Tree while she continued her education. Jennifer was a special and inspirational person. She excelled in artwork and her passions in life were helping others, running marathons, and living life to its fullest. Jennifer is survived by her parents; her stepmother, Janelle; her brother, James; her four sisters, Jessica, Carissa, Shalee and Rhiannon; her special aunt and uncle, Ron and Cheryle Bitz; numerous aunts, uncles, and nieces; and special friends, Gail, Rachelle, and Anita. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Ira and Josie

Zent and her paternal grandparents, Paul and Rose Bitz. Memorial may be given to Teen Challenge.

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ Dear John and Janelle, We are so sorry to hear of your daughters death. God's peace to you. You're in our prayers.

Carol and Dennis Bauer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I READ THAT JENNIFER HAD BEEN ILL FOR A LONG TIME. I DID NOT KNOW, SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT HER PASSING. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU FOR STRENGTH TO ACCEPT WHAT WE CANNOT CHANGE. I REMEMBER JEN AS BEING SUCH A "bubbly" SWEET YOUNG LADY WITH A GREAT SMILE. A JOY TO HAVE IN ONE'S CLASS!! GOD GIVE YOU STRENGTH.

Jan Feeney - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ John, Janelle and Family: We did not know Jennifer, but wanted you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Larry, Jolene & Lear Rohde

Jolene Rohde - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Our heartfelt condolences for the family. Life is precious and often times too short. God Bless you all. Tim Dockter's Family

Rae & Dan Evans - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I got to know Jennifer while she was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Jamestown. She was a very special person, very caring and also appreciative of our friendship. I have missed hearing from her lately, but now I see, it was her health issues so she didn't write. Maury she rest in peace,

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**Bev Schaack** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Susan, Gail and Family, We were so saddened to hear of the loss of your Daughter and Niece, Jennifer. All our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May she rest in peace. The family of Eugene and Irene Schantz send our deepest sympathy.

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**Debra Sebastian** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ SO SORRY TO SEE IN THE PAPER THE LOSS OF YOUR DAUGHTER. WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MY SYMPHATY AND PRAYERS. WILL REMEMBER ALL OF YOU AT MASS TONIGHT. LOVE, COUSIN CAROL MOCK

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**CAROL MOCK** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

OW

“ Sue, I'm so sorry for your loss of your child and you will be in my prayers.

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**Orbanna Whitman** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Jennifer was a blessing to many people. I enjoyed visiting with her at the Y. She always had such a positive attitude and I will miss her. Prayers to all. Lisa

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**Lisa Stenehjerm** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I knew jenny all my life, a beautiful and caring person. her and i always had this bond. over the years i have spent some time with her and really got to know her on a personal level. i have never met a more loving and caring individual in my life. i love her and always wished the best for her. i will miss the hell out of her but i do know that she is in a better place now where she wont have to suffer anymore. jenny, God will take good care of you, that i know. I will see you again one day and we can have those talks again. You and your family will be in my prayers

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**shannon krueger** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ She was my cousin who was also like a sister. We had some good times when she lived with my parent. Then she became an aunt to our children. Jennifer always brought them presents. We will miss the holiday dinners and her company during the Packers games. I think she secretly liked the Packers. I always took those forwarded emails and text messages for granted. Now I am going to miss getting them. She was a very strong spirit and she was obviously very smart. I'm sure Grandma Rose is taking care of her now. She was a great friend cousin sister and aunt. Wish we would have had more time.

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**austin bitz** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ To Our Friend, Jennifer- We have fond memories of us...our talks, walks, lunch dates, camping, fishing, meetings, and most importantly, the conversation of helping others and the importance of education. You had a determination that was completely admirable, but then again, you had a stubborn side that caused Richard and I too pause in our steps. I just wish this “last pause” would not have lasted so long, but I know in our hearts our friendship was strong and true. You have left an imprint in our hearts that will last forever. So my friend, we wish for you peace and we can only imagine all your joy in heaven and God’s welcoming arms wrapped around you. The next rainbow we see, we will know that you painted it for all of us to know that ....”You are home and OK”. We are blessed to know we have another guardian angel watching over us. No practical jokes either, Jenn! We love you, Richard W. Hoffart and Sheri Haugen-Hoffart

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**Sheri Haugen-Hoffart** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Dear Rhiannon and Family, Dick and I were so sorry to read about your loved ones passing. God grant you peace and comfort in this difficult time. From the Tree of Life each leaf must fall-- The green, the gold, the great, the small-- Each one in God's own time, He'll call-- With perfect love, He gathers all. Those we hold most dear never truly leave us. They live on in the love they brought to our lives. May that love keep you all strong. Dick and Bette

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**Dick & Bette Poppe** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ I am so sorry for your loss, I will always remember Jennifer for her Beautiful, Sunshine smile , God Bless. Cal & Fran Magstadt

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**Fran Magstadt** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ We share our sorrow for the passing of Jennifer. She came to Arizona to receive her Masters Degree, she was so proud. We had the honor to go with her. She visited family while she was here. With all her illnesses she was able to go to school to reach her goal. But we realize she is in a better place. Shelley Giles, cousin Patrick Giles, husband to Shelley.

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**pat giles** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ I've known Jenn since she was a very small girl. Always so sweet and easy to make smile. She was fun and funny to be around. I'm sorry to say we lost touch throughout the years, but I did hear she was ill. So very sorry to her family, especially Jamie, and her friends. She is smiling now.

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**Twiggy** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Jennifer will be missed. I used to run cross-county with her in Wachter and for BHS. I think of her often. She is a very special person. Rest in Peace Jennifer.

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**Tammy Rockman-Ohlhauser** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ RIP Jenny, you always be in my heart!

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**Tim Dockter** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ To a beautiful little girl i have known all her life ,she was such a good person i will miss her .I didnt see jenny very often but everytime i did i got a big hug from her .she grew up with my kids and always had a smile on her face ,she would love when the girls would curle her hair when they were small. we would tell her how pretty she looked and she would get that big smile on her face .i just seen jenny two week ago and asked how she was doing she said she was fine now matter how sick she was she would always say she was fine. she was a strong person inside and out. you will be missed jenny. God will take care of you know jenny there will be no more hurt.see you when i get there love you from squeak. that is the only name she ever called me. by jenny .love you sharon krueger

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**sharon krueger** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Jenn worked for a time at Lindy Sue's Candies in Bismarck with me and Cheryl Storhaug, Virginia Berger, Debbie Dykshoorn, and the late Harriet Feist about 22 years ago already. We all remained friends and kept in contact throughout the years. Jenn was truly a wonderful help to all who came in the store and had a sense of humor that was infectious. She loved to make people laugh and loved to eat. Never gaining an ounce and always looked her best in her own stylish way. We visited only a couple of weeks ago and I am glad to say I got to hug her and tell her I loved her and not be so worried about things, that everything would be alright. And now they are. We love you Jenn..thanks for the great memories and keep them laughing in heaven...cant wait to see you!! Barb and the Lindy Sue's ladies

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**Barbara Heinert** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Jennifer's Family --- My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Jennifer and I went to school together. We was always such a nice person and always had a smile. I ran into her a couple years ago and I have thought of her often since then. May she have found peace. You will be missed Jennifer.

Kirsten Gebhardt McIntyre - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I was so sorry to hear about the loss of Jennifer.I have thought of her often since having her as a student in sophomore English.She was a very special young lady.My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Lyn Biederstedt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ My Deepest Sympthy for the loss of Jennifer, My Thoughts and Prayers to her family and friends

Karen Buechler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ I was so sorry to hear of the Loss of Jen. We worked together for a while in Bismarck. I know she will find peace and happiness in Heaven!

Terri Erling - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I knew Jennifer from junior high and high school. Thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends. So sorry for your loss.

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CS

“ I remember meeting Jennifer in junior high; she was an awesome athlete and a good friend! Keeping her family in my thoughts and prayers.

Cindy Schock Scharf - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ So Sorry for your loss John. My thoughts and prayers for the family.

Brenda Buechler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ So very sorry to hear about the passing of Jennifer...We were friends in grade school...we often walked home together.....My heart goes out to all her loved ones....may she rest in peace and health...

Lynette Greenwood - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ I went to school with Jennifer. It always is difficult to see one of my peers pass on. With my most sincere condolences to her family and loved ones, Vanessa Taylor

Vanessa Taylor - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Condolences to the whole family of Jennifer. I know Janelle, John and family and am deeply sorry for the loss. I will be praying for you all. God Bless. Annette & Leonard Keller

Annette Keller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I am so sorry to learn of the loss of Jennifer. She was such a great person who always had a smile on her face. I remember when I first met her when we were candy stripers at Med Center One. Sending lots of thoughts and prayers to her friends and family. She will be dearly missed.

Sharisse Kroh - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EZ

“ My memories of Jennifer include our times participating in sports at Wachter. I still recall the trip we took to South Dakota for summer track where I learned what a funny person she truly was. Jennifer will always remain within our hearts, and I have included her in my daily prayers. May God give you strength in your time of sorrow.

Elizabeth Zillier - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I was so sorry to hear about Jennifer. We were friends in grade school. we went hiking. We walked many mornings to Wachter junior High school. On cold days my Dad would give us a ride. She went to Brush Lake one summer with me and my family in the summer for the weekend. SHE. GOT MY SISTER Jo into running that weekend: were she became a runner and joined cross country. MAY GOD BE WITH YOU ALL YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS. I NOW SHE IS HEAVEN LOOKING DOWN.

Deb zerr Hauge - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of Jennifer's family and friends.*

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**Lenore Bradford** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *I'm very sorry to hear of Jennifer passing. Prayers to her family!*

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**Brenda Loock** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *I am sorry to hear about the loss of Jennifer. My prayers are with the family.*

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**Steven Bitz** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM