



J. Abigail Kelbley McMillan

May 1, 1966 - May 24, 2013

J. Abigail (Kelbley) McMillan, age 47 of Ontario, OH and formerly of Upper Sandusky died on Friday May 24, 2013 in Hollywood, FL. She was born on May 1, 1966 in Toledo, OH.

Abigail is survived by her parents Robert Kelbley Jr., Fostoria and Heather (Ringle) Kelbley, Upper Sandusky; daughter Sarah McMillan, Columbus; sisters Nikki Cramer, Ann Arbor, MI and Jennifer Kelbley, Columbus; Maternal Grandfather Cecil Potter, KY; Paternal Grandmother Vonetta Kelbley, Fostoria.

Abby will always be remembered as a person who gave her heart and her time to so many people and animals. She was a strong, driven individual who always tried to help others.

Some of her accomplishments in life:

Assistant Director, City of North Miami Public Library: Represented the Miami Dade Library at Chamber of Commerce luncheons, University Relations Board meetings and City Council Meetings; Organized and hosted special events, such as "The Nature of Your Heart, Expressed in Art" children's summer program with local artists, "Haitian Art from the Heart" art show and "For the Love of Nature" Gala;

Program Manager, Miami Dade Literacy for Every Adult: Trained & increased the active volunteer reading tutor teams from 50 to over 250; Member of the

Miami Dade Re-Entry Task Force & Commencement Speaker at the Federal Detention Center Graduation Ceremony in honor of inmates who achieved their GED and those that passed all the English as a Second Language classes; Speaker at Head Start parent meetings and annual gatherings social service providers;

Mobile Library Service Department Manager, Miami Dade Public Library;
Adjunct Faculty for Marketing Quantitative Research Methods, Johnson & Wales University;

Circulation Manager, Upper Arlington Public Library

Ontario Branch Manager, Mansfield/Richland County Public Library;

Regional Office Manager, Baker Installations;

Mortgage Department Supervisor, Credit Bureau of Columbus;

Graduate of the Upper Arlington Leadership Program;

Leadership Book Discussion Group organizer;

Founder of Brownie Scout Troop;

4-H event coordinator;

For hobbies she enjoyed researching her family genealogy, writing poetry, photography, and was a patron of the arts. Children and animals were especially dear to her.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Sat. June 8, 2013 at 11:00am in Bringman Clark Funeral. Visitation will be from 9:30-11:00am on Sat. at the funeral home. Burial will be held in Attica Venice Township Joint Cemetery, Attica, OH at a later date. Per her request she was cremated. Memorial Contributions can be made to the American Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals (ASPCA)

Tribute Wall



“ *Bringman - Clark & Co Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of J. Abigail Kelbley McMillan*



Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes - May 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *My deepest sympathy to Abby's family. I knew Abby when she was Branch Mgr. at our Ontario Library. She was a good friend throughout the time she was there and always kept in touch through e-mails afterwards, sharing our love for little animals. She was such a good, kind person, gone way too soon.*

beth wake - June 29, 2013 at 01:14 PM

BR

“ Heather, Nikki, everyone,

I was saddened to hear about Abby's passing. I knew we were very close in age, but I had no idea we were born only 18 days apart. To this day, I'm still not certain of how we were related, but when all the first cousins were together at Grandma and Grandpa Ringle's house in Attica, Nikki and Abby were usually right there with us; playing freeze tag, hide and seek, climbing the apple trees and eating green apples until our stomachs hurt; all fond memories from my childhood. You were simply two more cousins to me, having a good time. Like so many of us, we re-connected through social media, and even though it has been years since I saw her, I got a small glimpse into her world. It is obvious that the critter's of the world lost a champion of their cause. May the family find peace in the days ahead.

Bill Ringle, Blairsville, GA

Bill Ringle - June 09, 2013 at 09:28 AM

MW

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Abby's family. I knew Abby when she worked for Dayton Metro Library. Abby was such a kind and gentle soul and we shared our love of animals. We kept in email contact over the years and I really cherished our friendship. I feel very fortunate to have known Abby and very proud to be a friend of hers. Heaven surely has another angel and she will truly be missed. Mary Wagner



Mary Wagner - June 08, 2013 at 08:03 PM

MG

“ *Abigail, always smiling. A blessing to have worked with her.*
Mickey

Mickey Garrote - June 07, 2013 at 02:52 PM

CL

“ *My deepest sympathies to Abby's family and friends. Abby's passing was a real shock to me. We both worked for the Miami-Dade Public Library System. I did not work directly with her but we worked in the same building. She really was a kind and gentle soul. She truly loved working for our literacy program. May God Bless her.*



Claudia - June 07, 2013 at 10:25 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of J. Abigail Kelbley McMillan.*



June 06, 2013 at 07:25 AM

Aerial
Frank

“ *Abby was always such a kind soul to me all throughout my 25 years of living. She never missed a birthday, Christmas, or monumental milestone in my life. She was always there for me during many of my accomplishments in life when she could be even though she was living in Florida for most of them: Baptism, Graduations, and my wedding. Even though I didn't see a lot of her growing up, she was always active in my life. When my mother became ill 2 1/2 years ago, our relationship really blossomed and when my mother passed away last year, Abby became an even bigger motherly figure to me than she had been in the past. She was the best Godmother a person could ever ask for and I truly loved her very much as a mother and as a friend. I know you and my mom are having such a blast up there in Heaven. I really miss the both of you, but I know you two are no longer suffering. Thank you for everything you have done for me Abby. I love you.*

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Aerial - June 05, 2013 at 04:25 PM

CP

“ *Ms. Abby was one of the kindest individuals that I met in my life. She really cared for and loved people. I admired her passion for lifelong learning and overall commitment to literacy. I knew her because she was a great colleague of mine at the Miami Dade Public Library. She trained some of our staff on the Project L.E.A.D. Program. She was a wonderful teacher and fulfilled God's purpose for her short life. Her gentle spirit will be missed. May she rest in peace.*

*Sincerely,
Candice Pinder*

Candice Pinder - June 05, 2013 at 03:10 PM

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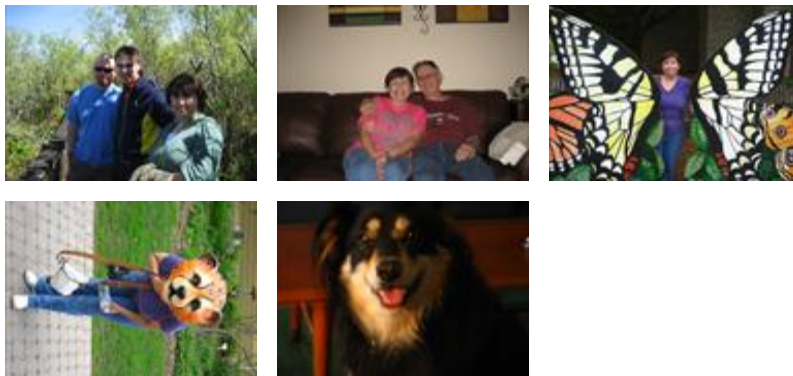
“ I am shocked at Abby's passing. I was one of her tutors for Project LEAD at the Miami-Dade Library. She was always helpful and so dedicated to her work. She will be missed.

Al Sasiadek

Alfred Sasiadek - June 04, 2013 at 11:04 PM

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Monica - June 04, 2013 at 07:28 PM

KM

“ *Abby was such a sweet and gentle soul. She spoiled our boys rotten with all kinds of goodies and was such a compassionate supporter of animals. She was always full of ideas on how to make things better. We are sad to know she is no longer on this earth but know she lives on through the lives she has touched.*



Karren Marley - June 04, 2013 at 07:01 PM

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nikki - May 30, 2013 at 01:13 PM

JS

“ *Abby was first a classmate, then a friend and eventually my step-sister. She was very sweet to my mother Dianna, and extremely supportive to our family during Mom's final weeks. I have always been touched by how obvious her devotion was to her father, my step-father Robert. I always thought she shared his quiet but ornery wit. And it goes without saying how much she loved her Sarah. It is her warmth, compassion and understanding that I will reflect on most when remembering her. Peace.*

Jo Simonsen - May 30, 2013 at 01:12 PM

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