



Joni Leigh Burns

October 16, 1977 - May 15, 2016

Joni Leigh Burns, 38, of Ozark, Arkansas, died Sunday, May 15, 2016 in Ozark. She was a teacher in the Ozark School District and was of the Baptist Faith. She was born October 16, 1977 in Fort Smith, Arkansas to James David and Rhonda Burt Robison. Joni was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents John and Alice Robison and maternal grandfather Teddy F. Burt, Sr. She is survived by her husband Jerrod Burns; her parents David and Rhonda Robison; five children, Dillon, Kalli, and Jaci Bonds, and Brock and Brooklyn Burns; and one brother, John David Robison, all of Ozark. Funeral service will be held at 10:00 AM Friday, May 20, 2016 at First United Methodist Church in Ozark with Pastor Jeff Jackson officiating and burial at Highland Cemetery under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home of Ozark. The family will visit with friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Thursday, May 19th at the Gardner Memorial Family Life Center, 104 South 5th Street in Ozark. Serving as pallbearers are John David Robison, Danny Robison, Dwight Robison, Teddy Burt, Jr. Rick Brumett, and Derrick Robison. Honorary pallbearers are nieces and nephews, Wyatt Robison, Bryant Burns, Briley Burns, and Class of 1996.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joni Leigh Burns*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *My heart and prayers go out to all the family. I know that Joni's passing is a terrible loss to you all. Wish I could have been there to help and support you. You where all such a blessing to me when dad passed for me. If you need anything please contact me and I will help in anyway that I came. I love you all so much. Big Hugs for each of you and I pray that God will easy the pain you must have in your heart.*

Tina Ouka - May 23, 2016 at 08:18 AM



“ *I pray God gives each of you the peace and comfort you need during this incredibly hard time. I only knew Joni for one year, our Senior year, but after meeting her and having some classes with her I felt like I had known her for years. She just had this way of making you feel comfortable around her and she was always smiling and laughing! Joni is someone that I could never forget. My deepest sympathies to all who feel this great loss.*

*May God bless you and keep you always,
Amy*

Amy Eubanks - May 18, 2016 at 03:15 PM

JL

“ Although I only knew Joni for a couple years, it felt like we had known each other forever. She welcomed me to Ozark with open arms and welcomed our boys into her home. She was a genuine bestfriend to me and to many others. I pray that peace and comfort will overflow this family during this most difficult time and the times to come. She is loved and missed by all. Forever and always you will be in my heart. I will always cherish and treasure our friendship and the memories we made.

Jessica Lott - May 18, 2016 at 03:15 PM

KK

“ I am truly sorry for your loss, Joni was a beautiful soul! One of my favorite memories of her was all the way back in the fourth grade! We got to decorate our own Valentine's Day boxes at home and bring them to school for a decorating contest. She won first place with her box, a cute little love birds theme! I stayed the night with her that night, it was just me, her and her mom. Her dad and brother were away overnight somewhere. I remember Joni and I making no-bake oatmeal cookies by ourselves and I thought that was awesome (I was 9)! Another great childhood memory of her was going to her birthday party at ChuckE Cheese's in Fayetteville with a large number of girls all piled in her parents minivan going up the Pig Trail! That was before I49 was built and before there was a ChuckE Cheese in Fort Smith! If I am not mistaken we may have made that trip two years in a row?? I am in shock that she's gone too soon! Prayers to her family!

Kim Kinney - May 18, 2016 at 03:15 PM

CS

“ I am so terribly sorry for your loss. All I can remember right now through this shock is Joni's smiling face and laugh. Not a bad memory for sure. I graduated high school with her. I was made fun of a lot for being gay before I knew what gay was. She was so sweet, always took up for me, and made me feel welcome when few others stepped up. I have been extremely sad this week. I had not talked to her but maybe twice in the past 20years but feel the loss as if it happened when I saw her daily in school. My favorite quote is from Mother Teresa, "Joy is a net in which you can catch souls". I was blessed to be tangled in Joni's net for as long as I was. I cannot imagine how many others she caught in her net during her lifetime, but I would picture the net pretty full. My condolences to her family and all who shared their life with her. The world was and is a better place because she was in it. I believe that every act of kindness creates this amazing ripple effect that, without knowing, is felt by the whole world. We are only a product of our environment from life to death...so a huge thank you to all that influenced Joni to be the amazing woman she was. I know her youthful memory will stay with me as I remembered her, I am only sad that I could not have had more. With love and a big bear hug....Chad

Chad St. John Stacy - May 18, 2016 at 10:08 AM

CP

“ Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

I'm praying that God will bring peace to your family and loved ones during this time.

Courtney Parker - May 18, 2016 at 10:07 AM

BP

“ *Sorry for your loss. Your family is in our prayers*

Bill Proffitt - May 18, 2016 at 08:13 AM

ST

“ *May God surround you all with his love and grace and may you find peace from the Lord Jesus Christ.*

stephanie - May 17, 2016 at 02:38 PM