



## Erica Lynn Farley

December 2, 1994 - April 3, 2020

SHIRLEY: Erica Lynn Farley, 25, of Shirley died Friday, April 3, 2020 at Holy Family Hospital, Methuen after a long and courageous battle with substance abuse.

Born in Leominster, December 2, 1994, she was the beloved daughter of Sean M. and "Tammy" Tamara (Topper) Farley and was a lifelong Shirley resident. Erica graduated high school from The Academy of Notre Dame in Tyngsborough. After graduation, she obtained her Emergency Medical Technician certification and worked at Cataldo Ambulance. She was currently training to become a Paramedic through McNeilly EMS.

Erica loved her family and always looked forward to Christmas at Babci and Grandpa's, Easter at Kathy and Dan's, and the 4th of July at Uncle Keith's. She loved traveling and visited Acadia, Yosemite and Yellowstone National Parks. One of her fondest memories was a trip to Alaska and the special times she had with her Nana and Dada Joe on their four-week sightseeing trip home. She also went on a road trip to Florida with her cousin Tyler, stopping in Virginia to visit her grandparents along the way. The two returned from Daytona, FL with tattoos and sunburns. Erica enjoyed taking car rides and listening to music, especially with her best friend Caitlin. The beach was a frequent destination for Erica and her friends.

Throughout Erica's life she had a strong love for animals. Growing up Erica, raised chickens with the help of her mother. Erica and her father spent many hours walking their beloved dogs. She watched wild ponies run on Assateague Island and has attended the Westminster Kennel Club show in NYC. Erica spent her spare time caring for her dogs, Dodge and Bailey as well as her cat, Olive.

Erica had a special tattoo on the nape of her neck that read "non omnis mariar" which translates to not all of me shall die. She had a big heart and it was her passion to help others and save lives. Her final gift was the donation of her organs. Erica shall live on in the hearts of all she touched during her short time with us.

In addition to her parents, Erica leaves her paternal grandparents, Paul and Patricia Farley of Ayer; her maternal grandparents, Joseph and Mary Elizabeth Topper of Shirley; Uncles and Aunts; Kevin Farley and his wife Jenna (Coates) Farley of Shirley, Daniel Topper and his wife Beth Picone-Topper of Shirley, and Keith Farley of Fitchburg. Cousins, Andrew and Alexis Keohane of North Brookfield, Brooke Farley of Shirley, Shannon and Bryan Farley of Fitchburg, Tyler Farley of Westford, and her friend Caitlin Couco of Eastham. Erica was predeceased by her Aunt Keri-Lyn (Gleason) Farley who she shared many special times with.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Erica to the MSPCA at Nevins Farm, 400 Broadway, Methuen MA 01844 or Gosnold Inc. 200 Ter Heun Drive, Falmouth, MA 02540, a non-profit addiction treatment center where Erica received compassionate care during her many attempts at recovery.

Due to the restrictions imposed on those attending funerals arrangements are pending at this time. Please continue to refer to this site as updates will be posted as they become available.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

WE

“ It was just yesterday that they were in 1st grade and Sarah was in the hospital with a kidney issue - You brought Erica to visit her and I clearly remember her climbing right up on the bed to have a little chat and give Sarah the gift you brought. I feel like the sun shines a little less brightly for all of us now. Sending love and remembering Erica as a generous and fun little girl. Wendy & Mike

Wendy ELDREDGE - April 11, 2020 at 06:22 PM

TF

Thank you for sharing that sweet memory.

Tammy Farley - April 11, 2020 at 06:23 PM

CE

“ Tammy and Sean,

We are heartbroken for your loss. We remember Erica fondly. The world has lost a beautiful soul. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Cynthia Esielionis and family

Cynthia Esielionis - April 11, 2020 at 03:41 PM

NI

“ Well take it from here. 🚓 Rest easy Sister.

Nick - April 10, 2020 at 12:59 PM

TF

💖 She loved her EMS family. Stay safe, we appreciate all of you and what you do!

Tammy Farley - April 10, 2020 at 06:22 PM

DN

“ Our Hearts go out to Sean & Tammy  
As Dada Joe said “ This has taken the wind out of our sails” We are  
so Heart broken and will always remember the good times & fond  
memories we had with Erica, our beautiful Granddaughter Love  
Dada Joe & Nana

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**Dada Joe & Nana** - April 10, 2020 at 09:28 AM

MS

“ Sean and Tammy, prayers and condolences to your family. Rest in  
peace, Erica.

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**Michelle Scott** - April 10, 2020 at 08:51 AM

EF

“ Tammy and Sean,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Erica  
well and the time she spent with my daughter  
in daycare. My thoughts and prayers will be  
with you and your family this Easter weekend.

*Eileen Forest*



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**Eileen Forest** - April 09, 2020 at 06:14 PM

TF

*Thank you!*

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**Tammy Farley** - April 09, 2020 at 07:49 PM

RL

“ Dear Sean & Tammy.

*You are in our hearts and in our prayers.  
Our sincere sympathy on the loss of your dear daughter Erica.*

*Love,*

*Bob & Donna Lewis*

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**Robert Lewis** - April 09, 2020 at 10:29 AM

 Mary  
Lepore

“ Tammy and Sean,  
*My heart aches for you. Although I never met Erica, I see such  
beauty in her smile. May you find comfort in remembering your  
happy memories of her. I will keep you in my prayers. God bless.*  
*Mary Ellen Lepore*

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**Mary Lepore** - April 08, 2020 at 07:05 PM

TF

*Thank you so much Mary Ellen.*

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**Tammy Farley** - April 08, 2020 at 08:49 PM

JV

“ To me, she will always be that quick-witted, big-hearted young woman who kept me on my toes and said what everyone else in the class wanted to say, but was too afraid of hurting my feelings. I miss her directness and sharp banter in my classroom and am very sad to know that she is not out there any more being direct to someone else. - John Versteeg



John Versteeg - April 08, 2020 at 12:55 PM

TF

Please know that she liked you and that says a lot. We would also like to thank you, we greatly appreciate the help you provided her.

Tammy Farley - April 08, 2020 at 03:23 PM

DE

“ Dear Tammy and Sean, we are extremely sad to learn of Erica’s passing. May you find comfort knowing she is resting peacefully in the arms of Jesus. Cherish those precious memories that will always be in your hearts. Praying you find strength and peace by placing your trust in God. Love and prayers. Don and Ann

Don & Ann Eyler - April 08, 2020 at 08:23 AM

TF

Sean and I thank you for your kind words of support, they are greatly appreciated.

Tammy Farley - April 08, 2020 at 05:19 PM

JM

“ Tammy and Sean - I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Erica. I cannot imagine the pain you are feeling but hope that memories of good times; family travels and special occasions help your heart to heal. God be with you. Love, Jean, Rick & Family



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**Jean Miller** - April 08, 2020 at 06:47 AM

TF

Sean and I thank you for your kind words. We will remember her often and smile at the many memories she left us. The world has lost a beautiful soul and her teacher Mr. Versteeg described her so well.

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**Tammy Farley** - April 08, 2020 at 05:28 PM



“ Lavender & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Erica Lynn Farley.



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April 07, 2020 at 06:04 PM

JE

“ A beautiful girl. I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Jackie Esielionis** - April 07, 2020 at 09:00 AM

AC

“ *Annie, Katie, Hannah, Emily, Ali, Abby & Carly purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Erica Lynn Farley.*



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**Annie, Katie, Hannah, Emily, Ali, Abby & Carly** - April 06, 2020  
at 08:27 PM

NS

“ *Tammy and Sean...  
So sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

*Nancy Sherwin*

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**Nancy Sherwin** - April 06, 2020 at 08:08 PM

EL

“ *Dear Tammy and Sean,  
We are deeply saddened to hear about Erica's passing. Please accept our condolences and our prayers during this difficult time.  
Rest in peace Erica. Many fond memories of that little smiling face back in the Kiddie Depot days!  
Beth, Ken and Meghan Lewis*

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**Elizabeth Lewis** - April 06, 2020 at 06:38 PM

TF

*Thank you so much for Beth for all the love and hugs you gave her.*

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**Tammy Farley** - April 08, 2020 at 05:29 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Video of Erica*



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**Anderson Funeral Homes** - April 06, 2020 at 04:09 PM

CT

*One one the kindest people I've ever met. We'll miss you. Rest in peace Erica.*

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**Carissa Taylor** - April 22, 2020 at 01:31 PM