



Stephenie Generose Orte

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Stephenie Generose Orte, 28, of New Orleans, Louisiana formerly of Clinton passed away suddenly Friday September 14, 2018 in New Orleans.

Funeral Services will be 9:00 am, Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes and Crematory. A celebration of life will follow the service at King Pins in Fulton. Visitation will be Friday from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Online condolences may be expressed by visiting her obituary at www.snellzornig.com.

Stephenie Generose Orte was born June 13, 1990 in Iowa City, Iowa, the daughter of Stephen and Sherry (Charnoski) Orte. She was a 2008 graduate of Clinton High School. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in English from the University of Iowa in 2013. While in college she worked with Kennedy swim school in Iowa City giving private lessons for children with special needs, she then worked for MYEP in a Dayhab center with adults with behavioral disorders and autism. Stephenie later worked for Systems Unlimited as a house supervisor in a group home.

In 2017 Stephenie moved to New Orleans for a teaching job working with children with special needs. She loved the community in New Orleans and really thrived there. When she first arrived there, she worked at Success Academy in both Jr. High School and then elementary. Most recently she worked for Abramson Sci Academy teaching math and science to high school students with special needs; she was an advisor for a group of 14 high school girls who adored her; she gave them a safe place to talk about anything.

Stephenie was very talented artistically; she played the Baritone Saxophone in the marching band, she played in the pep band, and she was in choir and acapella choir. She enjoyed painting and drawing. She was a very talented writer who wrote poems and short stories; she was accepted into the Iowa's Writers Workshop at the University of Iowa. She was a person who didn't live her life by what everyone else thought, she marched to her own beat. She was little dramatic at time and used those



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natural talents in the drama club in high school. Stephenie loved animals; her dog Xiva and two cats Vulcan and Fred will miss her.

She was a beautiful person who was caring, compassionate and giving above all things she loved time spent with her family, friends and students. She wanted people to be kind and compassionate to one another and not see each other as different from each other.

Stephenie will be dearly missed by her loving parents: Sherry and Stephen Orte of Clinton; paternal grandfather: Doug Orte of Clinton; two aunts: Stasia (Josh) Cullinan of Clinton and Dawn (Jamie) Wolfe of Mayakka, Florida; two uncles: Kurt (Margaret Phillips) Charnoski of Clinton and Robert (Autumn) VenHuizen of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; three great aunts: Mary Ries of Clinton, Donna Dawson of Camanche and Barb (Tom) Montgomery of Peoria, Illinois; cousin and best friend: Andrew Montgomery of Rockford, Illinois and his parents who were like second parents to her, Michael and Paula Montgomery of Davis Junction, Illinois; and many more cousins whom she loved and will miss her.

She was preceded in death by her paternal great grandmother Generose Moore whom she was named after, maternal grandparents: LaLonnie and Ralph VenHuizen and paternal grandmother Sandy Orte.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the family who will be establishing a scholarship in her name for special needs children and future special needs educators.



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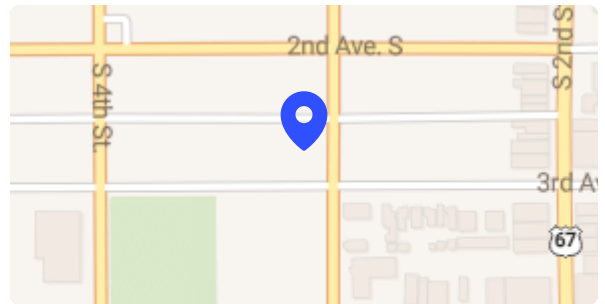
Visitation

 **Friday**, September 21, 2018

 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT


 **Snell-Zornig Funeral Home & Crematory,
Clinton**


302 Third Avenue South, Clinton IA 52732



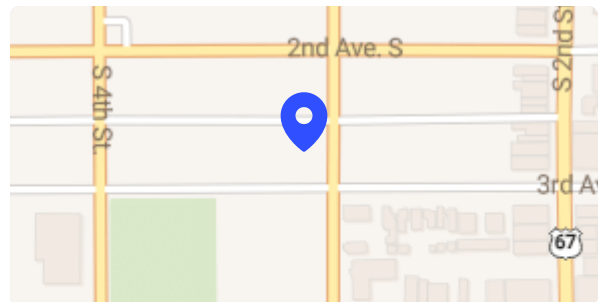
Service

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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Orte family.



September 24 at 6:02 AM



Jolene Farley posted:

Thanks for reminding me Sherry if the red white and blue fish Steph had to get me. What a sweetheart. Love you all

September 21 at 3:39 PM



Atento Team sent a Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet to the Orte family.



September 21 at 11:00 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Orte family.



September 21 at 9:54 AM



Mark Davis posted:

Our deepest sympathies to Steve, Sherry and extended family. She was truly a wonderful person who will be missed by everyone who was fortunate enough to have met her. Mark and Cheri Davis

September 21 at 8:45 AM



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NI

Nicole posted:

It's hard to sum up Stephenie and our time together in one memory. She really deeply cared for others. We were a group of misfit kids in high school, and those of us who were the most broken, she just found ways to break through our shells and help our true selves shine. She was affectionate and warm, and had so much love to give. She was energy, and excitement, and life's spark itself. She danced like no one was watching, and put her full self into everything that she did. I'll miss reading her stories, and seeing her artwork. She had the best sense of humor, and knew how to say everything with just the right dramatic flair to keep us in giggle fits. Even though we parted ways, she was always in my heart, as I know she will live on in the hearts of the many, many people she touched.

September 21 at 6:25 AM

RD

Rhonda Dale posted:

Thank you for all that you brought to our lives. I had the honor of working with Stephenie for just a short time here at Abramson Sci Academy. I met her last January and over the course of the time that I knew her I was constantly impressed by her dedication to people who had different abilities. Stephenie was passionate about giving a voice to people with Autism and the arts. One action to honor of her life and work is to raise money for a cause she was passionate about so the school launched a website to give donations in her memory to The Art of Autism. A link to the website where you can donate is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/orte>.

September 21 at 4:36 AM

SR

Steve & Sandy Rickertsen posted:

Our thoughts & prayers are with the Orte family, sorry for your loss.

September 20 at 6:22 PM



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CS

Carly Stahmer posted:

Stephenie and I were roommates in college, and she was the most enthusiastic, hilarious, interesting person I'd ever met. We would listen to Dolly Parton and Shania Twain while we cleaned up our disaster of a living space, singing at the top of our lungs and jumping around. We'd talk about literature and love and ideas, and she always had a way of seeing something magical about other people and the world--she would take a breath and just breathe out life, and wonder, and compassion. She dreamed up this adventure we were going to go on to New Orleans--the "Best Friends Forever Trip," and she managed to talk homebody little me into an excursion to this wild, crazy place full of the art and music and magic she loved so much--and we had a blast. I remember getting ready to go, and how kind and funny her mom and dad were, how much they loved her, just the little ways they would joke around and how they wanted us to be safe, but have fun, but be safe, too! It just felt like such a warm and loving home, and I could see how Stephenie had become such a loving and exuberant human being. I was so happy for her when she got to move to this magical place that filled her heart with so much joy--there was so much art and culture for her to swallow up, and she was doing what she loved, helping young people with special needs. In her time here on earth, she touched so many people with her grace, humor, and kindness, and I am so happy that I got to call her my friend, and so, so sad that she is gone now, so soon, when she had so much love to give and so many people who love her.

September 20 at 3:46 PM

SR

Steve & Sandy Rickertsen September 20 at 6:30 PM

Nicely stated. Heaven has now received her.

AP

Adrienne Plaugic posted:

my heart goes out to Sherry and the rest of Stephanie's family and friends. keeping you in my thoughts!

September 20 at 11:04 AM



Anonymous sent a Pretty Please to the Orte family.



September 20 at 8:31 AM



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Anonymous sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Orte family.



September 20 at 6:14 AM



Alex posted:

Hello - I worked with Stephenie for part of school year at Success. The students were lucky to have her. Perhaps the greatest lesson was teaching the students they were cared for.

September 20 at 4:21 AM



Carol Lobb posted:

I send my deepest sympathy in the loss of Stephanie. I met her when she was in junior high and she was impressive then!!!! I bought a t-shirt from her so that she could go off on some exotic adventure! She was a talented and compassionate soul. May you find comfort in your memories and the love of your family. Carol Lobb

September 20 at 3:57 AM



Melinda Clark posted:

My prayers are with you and your family Sherry . I am so sorry for your loss . I am thinking of you .

September 20 at 12:36 AM



Sue Bolton lit a candle in honor of Stephenie .



September 20 at 12:07 AM



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Jolene Farley posted:

Prayers and hugs to all of you. My heart is breaking for all of you. I will never ever forget her beautiful smile and her awesome personality ❤️

September 19 at 1:43 PM



Angela Frasier September 20 at 1:58 AM

So sorry for your loss, my heart is aching for your family. prayers to all of you



Hazel Green September 19 at 2:51 PM

Rest in peace.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Stephenie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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