

Bethany Skye Lemler, 43, of Gettysburg, SD, passed away on Saturday, November 4, 2023, due to heart complications while vacationing in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

Bethany was born on May 22, 1980, in Hoven, South Dakota, the second of four children born to Daniel and Laurel (Hepper) Lemler. She was a feisty little baby, barely willing to wait for the doctor to deliver her. She had bright blue eyes and bouncy spiral curls. From the beginning, her dynamic and colorful personality was obvious.

As a child she loved to play make-believe games with her siblings, Ryder and Sombryn, and also with her many cousins. She was ten years old when her little brother Dane was born. She loved carting him around, changing his diapers, and singing to him.

Bethany attended school in Lebanon and Gettysburg where she excelled in extracurricular activities. She finished top ten in the state in cross country, acted in every play, and won the “Most Enthusiastic Cheerleader” award several years in a row. Her love of athletics led her to become deeply interested in the workings of the human body. She eventually acquired a vast knowledge regarding nutrition, exercise, and psychology. She was always quick to help those she loved whenever they suffered a deficit in any of these areas.

Bethany had a profound love of music. She taught herself how to play the guitar and was active in band and choir as a youth. Music was in her bones and found expression through her innate talent for dance and choreography. At one point she even operated her own dance studio.

Upon graduating from Gettysburg High School in 1998, Bethany moved to Utah to attend Weber State and then Southern Utah University. In 2002, she took a break from her schooling and volunteered to serve as a full-time missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Portland, Oregon. She grew up a proud member of the Latter-day Saints, Gettysburg Branch. Like everything else about her, Bethany’s spirituality was completely authentic, intuitive, and entirely her own. It was easy for her to feel a strong spiritual connection with people, even with those who had passed away. It was not uncommon for her to share experiences in which she had felt the presence of her deceased loved ones.

After her mission, Bethany embarked on many adventures. One of these adventures was graduating from Southern Utah University in 2007 with a bachelor’s degree in Exercise Science. Another adventure was working for several years in Maryland as a nanny. After these experiences, she

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began traveling the world extensively. She spent weeks at a time bravely navigating across the UK and India all by herself. Eventually she developed a fondness for Mexico and Canada as well as for the people of those countries. She particularly loved surfing and being near the ocean.

Wherever Bethany went, she quickly made close friendships. She cared deeply about others and had a special way of making people feel loved and heard. She naturally attracted people through her kindness and spark. She had a knack for absorbing new cultures. She was particularly gifted at learning languages and eventually became proficient in several, including Spanish, German, and Hindi.

Her spontaneity was completely unmatched. It added spice and excitement for everyone in her orbit. We will greatly miss the random post-it notes hanging throughout our hallways containing her handwritten positive affirmations. We will miss her emoji-filled text messages with her signature phrases like “cheers,” “hugs,” and “how’s tricks?” We will miss the smell of incense, the shiny glitter, the endless movie quotes, and the sparkling crystals strategically placed in every corner of the room.

Bethany, thank you for being our “Aunt B,” our “Moldy Marie,” and our “Shine.” You are loved more deeply than you probably ever realized. “Cheers” and “Hugs” until we can embrace you again.

Bethany is survived by her parents, Daniel Lemler and Laurel Lemler, both of Gettysburg, as well as by her three siblings: Ryder Lemler of Gettysburg; Sombryn (Eric) Williams of Cedar City, UT; Dane (Janine) Lemler of Old Irontown, UT; nieces and nephews: Jayden West and Ariel Lemler; Remy, Ericson, and Max Williams; Barrick and Rome Lemler.

She was preceded in death by both sets of grandparents: Raymond and Marcella Lemler, and Herb and Thelma Hepper.

Bethany’s family thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers. They would appreciate if you have a memory of Bethany that you would share it with them.

In Loving Memory *Bethany Skye Lemler*

May 22, 1980
Hoven, South Dakota

November 4, 2023
Playa del Carmen, Mexico

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:

11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 1, 2024
United Methodist Church
Gettysburg, South Dakota

EMCEE:

Chris Hepper

EULOGISTS:

Family Members

HONORARY BEARERS:

All of Bethany's Nieces and Nephews

SONG WRITTEN FOR BETHANY:

"Now You're Everywhere" by Matt Hutchins, Fools and Horses

MUSIC:

"Give My Love to Nell" by Family
"I Am a Child of God"

INURNMENT:

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Gettysburg, South Dakota



Gettysburg, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net

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