

Lacey Erin Boyle, of Manistee, Michigan passed away April 15, 2014 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Lacey was the cherished daughter of James and Kathleen Boyle of Manistee, and unforgettable elder sister and sister-in-law, of Courtney and Jim Slonecki of Cedar Springs, MI. Lacey was thrilled to be the doting aunt to the family's newest addition, Dylan Slonecki. Lacey is also survived by her grandparents; John and Kay Stec of Manistee, her grandfather; Sylvester "Buck" Flarity of Manistee, and her aunts and uncles; Maureen Boyle, Dennis and Evelyn Boyle, Thomas and Diane Boyle, Ellen and Thomas Marshall, Timothy and Susan Flarity, Lora Strandberg, Chris Olen, Jo Ellen Zwiefka and John J. Stec. Numerous cousins also survive her.



Born on February 12, 1987 in Ogden, Utah, Lacey spent most of her life in Manistee, graduating from Manistee High School in 2005. Her years in Manistee were filled with her contagious laughter, gentleness, and youthful vibrancy. She loved the sun, the beach, the water, and the punch line of a good joke. After graduating from high school, Lacey attended Ferris State University to pursue a degree in healthcare administration, and received her Bachelor Degree in Science. Although she was a great writer, she always enjoyed working in the medical field because of her endless desire to help others.

Lacey's compassion did not extend to just humans. She was an avid animal lover as well. Her precious German shepherd, Shelby, was truly "woman's best friend" and the two spent infinite hours together.

The joy Lacey brought to her family and friends will never be forgotten. Outspoken, smart, hilarious, and compassionate – words are not enough to describe her. Cared for intensely, Lacey will be missed just as intensely.

Lacey is received in death by her mother Bonnie Stec Boyle. She is also preceded in death by her brother Dylan James Boyle, her grandparents, Edward "Clancy" and Mary Boyle, Rosemary Flarity and her uncle, Michael Strandberg.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service Monday evening at 8:00 PM at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where the family will receive friends on Monday evening, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and on Tuesday morning from 10:00 AM until leaving for the church at 10:40 AM.

Those wishing to remember Lacey are asked to consider a donation in her name to Homeward Bound Animal Shelter. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Though Lacey's earthly life was temporary, Dr. Seuss poignantly wrote: *I'M not going to cry because it's over. I'm going to smile because it happened.*