



Khira Starr Beck Hahnel

August 3, 1974 - December 19, 2016

Hahnel, Khira Starr (Beck), 42, of Casselberry, Florida passed away on December 19th, 2016 at 6:15PM surrounded by all her loving family and friends, after fighting very hard for more than two and a half years with Appendix Cancer. Khira tried with all her will and might to beat it, even after trying several different types of chemotherapy treatments. She left this life the same way she lived it, with her eyes wide open. The world lost a very beautiful woman in heart, spirit, and strength, and God gained a very special Christmas Angel. During Khira's life, she never knew a stranger, everyone she met became a friend. She was born on August 3rd, in New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington, North Carolina to William (Bill) K. Beck and Cheryl Goettsche, both of Albuquerque, New Mexico. During college football season, Khira loved watching her favorite team, the Wisconsin Badgers, and her father's favorite team, the West Virginia Mountaineers, while talking to him on the telephone every Saturday.

Khira wanted to be remembered as always being an honest person, that she admired both her mother and father and that she felt exceedingly fortunate to find her husband, Frank John Hahnel III, and to have become his wife in 2014 after being diagnosed with cancer. Khira especially wants her children to know that she loves them more than anything else in this world and after.

Khira's career began with her working for special needs children in Atlanta,

Georgia. From there, she worked for the non-profit organization, The Easter Bunny Foundation since 2005, and in that first year she was awarded a honorary Orange County Sheriff's Office Deputy badge by former Sheriff Kevin Beary. Khira was also a member of the National Sheriff's Association. In 2014, Khira was presented the "Women's History Month Local Hero Award" by Pepsico. While loving, raising her blended family, Khira also worked for ABC Fine Wine & Spirits since August of 2013, reporting to her lifelong best friend Katherine Mason as their Technical Writer. Although Khira had enough college credits for a Master's equivalency, she sacrificed school to put her family first, and never got a chance to finish the last three courses to make it official.

Khira's favorite Patron Saint was Veronica, of Laundry Workers. This was because she loathed the never ending dirty laundry from a house of five people.

Khira loved traveling all over the United States, but unfortunately never got to complete her bucket list of traveling to Italy with all her family, due to complications from the intense chemotherapy.

Khira is survived by her husband Frank John Hahnel, III, her daughter Chloe Marie Williams (16), son Max Elliott Beck Williams (15), Stepdaughter Addisyn Grace Hahnel (6), her father William (Bill) K. Beck, Stepmother Tanda Beck, Stepsister Renea Kempf and her family Nathan, Lilly, and Daisy, her mother Cheryl Goettsche and husband Richard Corbett, the rest of the wonderful "Beck" Clan; Uncle Terry, Uncle Pat, Aunt Penny and their families, as well as Susan Kelley and Nick Vollendorf of New Berlin, Wisconsin. Khira always had a special place in her heart for Nick because of everything he taught her while she was growing up in her teenage and college years in Wisconsin. It's important to recognize the companionship of her two adopted cats, Athena and Liam.

Khira is also survived by her former husband, Kent Williams, father of Chloe and Max Williams and his family; Kent's parents, Joy and Larry Williams as well as his brother David Williams, David's current wife Matina Williams, David's former wife, Jill Williams and their son Grant Williams. Jill's other children Jarrod and Julia Gasper and Kent's younger brother Zane Williams and his family. We would also like to include the extended Williams family, Mary and Mike Stevens with Shannon Gilmore and Suzanne and Tim Ackley with Ashley Hartshaw Nutt and Adair Ackley.

She is survived by many other friends and family members who were all a special part of her life, and who will not be forgotten.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life August 5th, 2017 1200 Noon at DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RB

“ *In the summer of 1988 I met and fell in love with Khira at the swimming pool in gaysmills WI. We were both 14 or so. She was the kindest, sweetest and most encouraging person I ever met. I was heart broken to see She passed at such a young age. God bless her family and friends. I'm sure she had many friends from everywhere she went as she was surely and truly an angle.*
Radu

Radu Burja - September 15, 2023 at 08:22 PM

GV

“ *I'm so saddened to find out that my sweet friend has passed. Khira and I became fast friends when she was living in Billings Montana, our husbands both worked for Georgia Pacific. We laughed as though we had known each other our entire life! She loved my children and always made them feel extra special. We were all relocated to Atlanta in 1996... the year of The Summer Olympics. She and I had some hysterical adventures! We laughed and cried and explored the world together. They moved to Florida and she came back and visited with her beautiful baby Chloe! She was so happy and proud of that sweet little girl. Life got busy and overwhelming and we lost touch after Max was born. I will never forget the amazing person she was, her love of life and her children. It breaks my heart that she is gone. My sincere and heartfelt condolences go out to all of her family. ❤️*

Gloria Perry Vaughn - April 08, 2020 at 10:33 PM

MW

Hi Gloria! This is Max. I appreciate the message so much! Although we have never met id love to hear from you!

Max Williams - September 25, 2020 at 02:08 AM

GV

Max, I'm so sorry I did not see this sooner. Feel free to send me an email Gloriavaughn2013@gmail.com. I have some great photos of your mom I would love to share with you and Chloe . Please also say hello to your dad for me! ❤️

gloria vaughn - August 14, 2021 at 12:10 PM

GV

Max, I'm so sorry that I did not see this sooner! I have some beautiful pictures of your mom I'd love to share with you and Chloe. Email me gloriavaughn2013@gmail.com . Thanks 😊

gloria vaughn - August 14, 2021 at 12:13 PM

AB

“ Khira was an inspiration to each of us. She brought so much joy and energy to everyone. I consider her a blessing in my life and am grateful that I got to share a bit of hers. She lives on of course in the lives of those she knew and in her beautiful children.

Aunt Pat

Aunt Pat Baron - January 05, 2017 at 11:51 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Khira Starr Beck Hahnel.



December 29, 2016 at 10:24 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Khira Starr Beck Hahnel.*



December 28, 2016 at 06:23 PM



“ *I remember the fond memories we all shared in June, 2015 while in Baltimore, MD for the annual NSA conference. Her personality was so bright, vivid and energetic. I am happy to have been fortunate enough to have met her that week and with shared company.*



I will remember walking around Inner Harbor and sharing stories over lunch and dinner. Her passion for sports and knowledge of so many different things astounded me.

My deepest condolences to you and your family.

-The DeLeeuw Family

David DeLeeuw - December 24, 2016 at 01:54 PM



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David DeLeeuw - December 24, 2016 at 01:48 PM



“ I remember when I first met Khira and her children. I thought wow she is such a nice person and her children were so sweet. I also work for ABC and that us how we met. She was a wonderful person and I loved her and will miss her inner and outer beauty. And no god will take good care of her now.

Dana Arcamone - December 24, 2016 at 12:49 AM

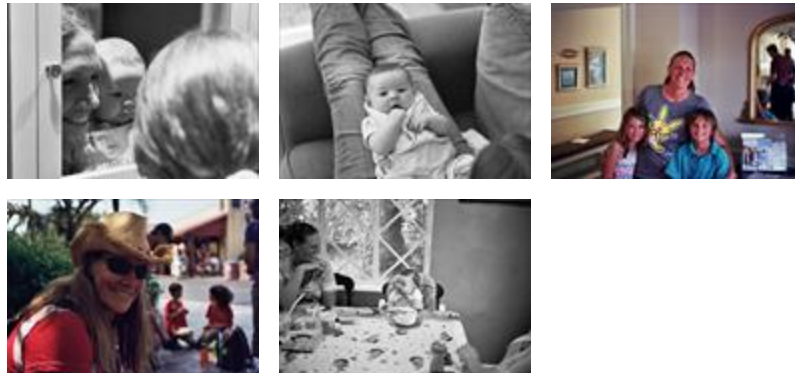


“ When I was the manager of the Castleberry Hooters is when I first met Khira... she came in with her aunt and I was chatting with them and had a blast and then I watched Frank come into her life and you felt the love and happiness between them both and they made a footprint in my life she's going to be very missed on Earth but I will see her on the other side in heaven

Jason Lande - December 23, 2016 at 01:22 PM



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Frank J. Hahnel III - December 23, 2016 at 01:15 PM

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Frank J. Hahnel III - December 23, 2016 at 01:05 PM