



## Neva Elise Holdmann

October 13, 2004 - March 25, 2018

Neva Elise Holdmann, 13 (and a half!) died on Sunday, March 25, 2018 at American Family Children's Hospital in Madison, WI due to complications resulting from a mitochondrial disorder. Born October 13, 2004 in Rockford, beloved daughter of Kevin Holdmann and Lenae Weichel. Neva was named after her great-grandmothers, Neva Ailene Weichel, Neva Jean Haberer, and Elise Holdmann. She was in the 7th grade at Maria Montessori School in Rockford.

She was an amazing girl. Full of infectious joy, she loved life, learning, books, art, the beauty of nature, travel, and her friends and family. She was strong, cheerful, and optimistic despite the challenges of her progressive disability. She was active in Girls Scouts, participated in Buddy Baseball and dance classes, and loved going to camp in Wisconsin.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her younger brother, Kai Holdmann, her friend, protector, and helper who loved her to pieces; grandparents, Robert and Erika Holdmann of Naples, FL; James and Lynda Weichel of Naperville; aunts and uncles, Gwen (Ken Anderson) Holdmann of Fairbanks, AK, Alyssa (Matthew) Arata of Oak Park, Brian Weichel of Austin, TX; cousins, Leif, Marais, and Lael Anderson, Grant and Nora Weichel, and Evelyn Arata. Visitation on Friday, March 30, 2018 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the family home at 1438 Collingswood Drive, Rockford; additional visitation on

Saturday, March 31, 2018 from 1-2 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 920 3rd Ave. Rockford. Celebration of Neva's life at 2 p.m. at the church. Private interment in Greenwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Maria Montessori School to help with the creation of a Socratic Circle, an outdoor classroom. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. Share a memory or condolence at [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

1011 Auburn St  
Rockford, IL 61103

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 30. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Holdmann/Weichel Family Home  
1438 Collingswood Drive  
Rockford, IL 61103

## Visitation

MAR 31. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
920 3rd Ave  
Rockford, IL 61104  
(815) 963-4815

## Celebration of Life

MAR 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
920 3rd Ave  
Rockford, IL 61104  
(815) 963-4815



# Tribute Wall

SR

“ I feel lucky to have known Neva, she was the highlight of my day getting to see her with her bright personality and loving heart. She has touched so many in her short time here. God Bless.



S.Feagin R.N. - April 03, 2018 at 09:36 PM

MF

“ Monika & Jürgen & Annika, Kern & Bohn - families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Neva Elise Holdmann.



Monika & Jürgen & Annika, Kern & Bohn - families - March 31, 2018 at 04:00 AM

LE

“ Our sincere condolences, Neva will be missed. Praying for you all during this time. Love LaKeyda and Keiden Eason

lakeyda E - March 30, 2018 at 11:35 PM

SW

“ Tauryn has so many great memories with Neva when they were in Mrs. Black's class. Neva was a blessing and will never be forgotten. I'm praying for peace and comfort to the family. Love, The Walker Family

Shavonda Walker - March 30, 2018 at 07:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Neva Elise Holdmann.*



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March 30, 2018 at 03:39 PM



“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.*

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**Laura Foreman** - March 30, 2018 at 03:08 PM



“ *Tara Lamb lit a candle in memory of Neva Elise Holdmann*



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**Tara Lamb** - March 30, 2018 at 12:55 PM



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**Tara Lamb** - March 30, 2018 at 12:02 PM

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**Tara Lamb** - March 30, 2018 at 11:52 AM

SH

“ My daughter Samara was in Girl Scouts with Neva💕 and they attended Montessori together. She will have so many fun memories of them to cherish forever! Neva was a such a beautiful, sweet and kind hearted person. May God continue to comfort the Holdmann Family during this difficult time.



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**Shannon Howard** - March 30, 2018 at 08:10 AM

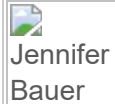


“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Neva Elise Holdmann.



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March 30, 2018 at 08:08 AM



Jennifer Bauer

“ Over the summer I was Neva's buddy for a nature camp. Since most of the trails were not wheelchair accessible a lot of the time was just me and her together sitting on the bridge, painting, playing with the animals, or coloring. She told me she loved stars so I found a ceramic star we could paint together. When I asked who it was for she pointed to me. It's been sitting on my windowsill next to my bed ever since. Neva entered my life at a really difficult time for me when I felt like I just couldn't do anything right. Her smiling at me and excitedly telling me what color she wanted each peacock feather of the coloring book to be made me feel like I could still do something right. We played the music from Moana and Frozen on my phone and danced around the room, singing along. What I wouldn't give to have a video of that. She fearlessly held one of the Madagascar cockroaches at camp and was the first to volunteer to pet the snake. Kai truly was her friend and protector, helping me when I was struggling to understand what Neva wanted. She was so blessed to have such a fiercely loving family. Neva was such a bright spot in a really hard time of my life. She really did touch everyone she met. I hope she's having fun up in the stars.

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**Jennifer Bauer** - March 29, 2018 at 01:44 PM



Erin Drinkwin

*This is a beautiful tribute...*

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**Erin Drinkwine** - March 30, 2018 at 11:38 AM

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“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Our hearts and prayers are with you.

*Joe and Linda Young*

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**Linda Young** - March 29, 2018 at 11:37 AM