



## Traci Lynn Huckelberry

September 16, 1970 - September 11, 2015

Traci Lynn Huckelberry, 44, died suddenly at Rockford Memorial Hospital on September 11, 2015 due to complications of a blood clot; surrounded by family, just five days before her birthday. Born to Charles and Linda (Knipprath) Huckelberry in 1970. Attended East High School and worked most of her life at Brooke Road and Kishwaukee Cleaners with her father. Married John Utley Sr. in 1987. Throughout her short life, she enjoyed and loved her children and granddaughter. She loved to crochet, bowl, bingo and scratch lottery tickets. Traci hauled around a purse that weighed 100 lbs. and a key ring that weighed 10 lbs., and it was a rare occurrence to see her without a 2 liter of Diet Dr. Pepper and chocolate in her hand. She went out of her way to help others, whenever they needed it. She was a selfless, beautiful and caring woman who constantly put others first. She leaves behind her children, Stephanie Huckelberry and John (Nitsy Syphommarath) Utley Jr.; brothers, John (Sarah) Huckelberry and Charlie (Abby) Huckelberry; granddaughter, Alicianna; parents, Linda (John Aaronson) Hayes and Charles Huckelberry; step-sisters, Tabitha Koch, Tonya Rodden, Rachel Warren; former spouse, John Utley Sr.; and numerous relatives and friends who love and miss her tremendously. Very special thank you to all who cared for her in the ICU at RMH. Traci's final wish was to donate her body for scientific research. A Memorial Service will be held Friday, September 18, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at First Born Ministries, 8213 N. Alpine Rd. Machesney Park. Memorial Visitation at 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Rev. Wendell Maynard will officiate. In

lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Traci's family for medical and funeral expenses. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. Share a memory or condolence at [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Born Ministries  
8213 North Alpine Rd.  
Machesney Park, IL 61115

## Memorial Service

SEP **18**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CF

“ *Compassionate Friends.org lit a candle in memory of Traci Lynn Huckelberry*



Compassionate Friends.org - September 17, 2015 at 05:34 PM

LH

“ *Happy Birthday my sweet, beautiful, favorite daughter. Birthday Bingo's will never be the same without you by my side. Miss You, Mom*

linda hayes - September 17, 2015 at 10:51 AM

PD

“ *Chuck, GeeGee, Charlie and family - I am so sorry for your loss. As a parent I can't imagine the pain that you feel but believing in my faith that the Lord had a better purpose for her - I hope will help comfort you. You are in my thoughts and in my prayers. Patti DOle*

Patti Dole - September 17, 2015 at 10:20 AM

SH

“ *Shannon Henman lit a candle in memory of Traci Lynn Huckelberry*



Shannon Henman - September 16, 2015 at 03:30 PM



“ 132 files added to the album *LifeTributes*

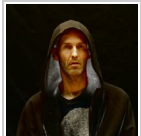


**Grace Funeral & Cremation Services** - September 16, 2015 at 11:49 AM



“ *HaPpy Birthday to my sweet, beautiful, favorite daughter. Birthday Bingo's will never be the same without you by my side. Missing You, Mom*

**linda hayes** - September 16, 2015 at 09:05 AM



“ *Happy Birthday Traci !*

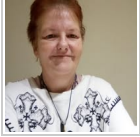


**John Huckelberry** - September 16, 2015 at 01:26 AM



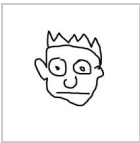
*Iv known Tracy and her family my whole life through bowling and the eagles club because of my parents Barb and Bj Johnson I'm so sorry to the family for your loss*

**Shannon Henman** - September 16, 2015 at 03:32 PM



“ *Traci was the sweetest craziest friend i shared a whole lifetime with her so many memories.she died way too young. It broke my heart to be there watching you die i will never be able to let you go. I will always keep your memory alive. Best friends through life and death thats what my tattoo will say. My sister i love you dearly and will always miss you.*

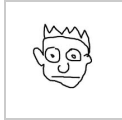
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**Debbie Anderson** - September 16, 2015 at 01:04 AM



“ *Charles Vinka lit a candle in memory of Traci Lynn Huckelberry*



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**Charles Vinka** - September 15, 2015 at 08:30 PM



*Traci is the one who made me an uncle. When she was a baby, I would rock her in the big green chair. I took all the kids to the zoo in Chicago to see the Circus train and the monkey cages. I believe that Traci liked the day very much.*

*'Uncle' Bert Huckelberry*

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**Charles Vinka** - September 15, 2015 at 08:36 PM



“ *Michele Macdonald-Gendron lit a candle in memory of Traci Lynn Huckelberry*



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**Michele Macdonald-Gendron** - September 15, 2015 at 12:03 PM

MM

*Linda & family - I am so very sorry to hear this news. You are in my thoughts.*

*Michele Macdonald-Gendron*

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**Michele Macdonald-Gendron** - September 15, 2015 at 12:04 PM

BT

*LINDA AND FAMILY,OUR MOST SINCERE CONDOLANCES TO YOU ALL,REST IN PEACE TRACEY.....*

*RETIRED CHIEF BUTCH TAYLOR AND STAFF  
WEST SUBURBAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT*

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**BUTCH TAYLOR** - September 15, 2015 at 12:40 PM

JS

“ *Tracy I will miss you my friend we had a lot of good times together Friday nights sitting in the garage on GreeWeviw. I'll never forget how you took care of my children when my parents died 11 days apart I wouldn't have been able to make it through if it wasn't for your friendship you will be dearly missed your friend Jody Stedman*

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**Jody Stedman** - September 15, 2015 at 11:03 AM



“ *What heartbreaking news. I will treasure our time bowling in the 600 club events. Tracy was a close friend for many years and I loved her like a sister. My sincere condolences to Huck, Stephanie and John as well as the rest of your family. Remember the good times always. Love , Audra*

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**Audra Engelking** - September 15, 2015 at 06:34 AM

SV

“ Have not seen Traci since she was a teenager she was a very very dear friend of my sister Michelle but I sure remember that smile of hers. condolences to her children and her family.



Shawn Hurd Vader - September 15, 2015 at 06:17 AM

JU

“ Sending prayers and condolences. John & Juanita Nelson

Juanita - September 15, 2015 at 05:43 AM



“ I remember being scared in that big Penfield house. You were my big sister and you would let me crawl into your bed, only if I would twirl your hair until we fell asleep. :) You will always be missed!!!!



Tabitha Koch - September 14, 2015 at 10:13 PM

Tonya  
Listerud  
Rodden

“ Although circumstances caused our lives to drift apart; my fondest, earliest memories will always include you. Tonya



Tonya Listerud Rodden - September 14, 2015 at 09:58 PM