

Remembering the life of....

Ilyssa Dittmer, 17, of Moorhead MN, died Saturday, February 29, 2020.

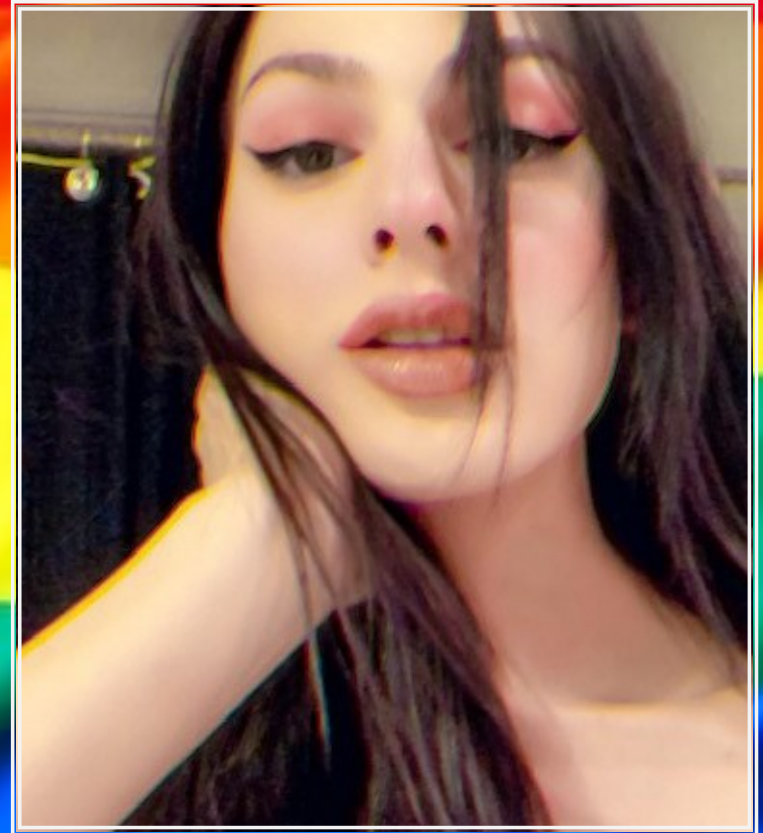
Ilyssa was born October 8, 2002 in Fargo, ND to Michael and Tara (Gilbertson) Dittmer.

Growing up, Ilyssa always loved to play dress up and would often be found running around playing with her sister, Livi, and the other neighborhood girls. She loved theatre and performed in many roles for the FM Community Theatre, her schools or with the neighborhood crew.

As a teenager, Ilyssa attended Moorhead Public Schools and was currently a junior at RRALC. She enjoyed spending time with her many friends, local and around the world, shopping, playing board games or watching cheesy horror flicks. Ilyssa enjoyed watching her reality TV shows and was a beautiful make-up artist, something she loved to create on herself or others. For her 16th birthday she was gifted a sweet fluff ball of a puppy, Talia, who she loved, doted on and carried with her everywhere she went. Ilyssa was very active on social media, live streaming and building fandom communities where she helped to support her LGBT brothers and sisters from all over the world. We love her and miss her infinitely.

Ilyssa is survived by her parents, Mike Dittmer (Ashly Hafdahl) and Tara Dittmer (Sheldon Monson); siblings, Jacob Dittmer, Alivia Dittmer, and Charlie Monson; step-siblings Mark Hafdahl and Lyra Monson; grandparents, Leigh Gilbertson, Sue & Paul Amicucci, Lonny Barnum (Lori Baum), Patty & Larry Monson; great-grandmother, Ardell Bell; aunts & uncles, Karen (Scott) Blommer, Matt (Bijan) Etemad-Gilbertson, Missy (Robert) Neil, Chase Gilbertson, Spencer Barnum, Annie (Adam) Barnum, Damian Monson, Kyleigh (Dave) Evans, Lorie (Randy) Paulsrud, Julie (Jerry) Ronglie, and Sherrie (Scott) Miller; her best friend, Phoenix Walseth; and many cousins, and great-aunts & uncles.

She was preceded in death by her infant sister, Morgan Dittmer; grandparents, David & Edna Dittmer; and uncle, Dave Dittmer.



IN LOVING MEMORY



I Will Lend You A Child

I will lend you, for a little time, a child of mine, He said. For you to love the while she lives, and mourn for when she's dead. It may be six or seven years, or twenty-two or three. But will

you, till I call her back, take care of her for Me? She'll bring her charms to gladden you, and should her stay be brief. You'll have her lovely memories, as solace for your grief. I cannot promise she will stay, since all from earth return. But there are lessons taught down there, I want this child to learn. I've looked the wide world over, in search for teachers true. And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes, I have selected you. Now will you give her all your love, nor think the labor vain. Nor hate me when I come to take her home again? I fancied that I heard them say, 'Dear Lord, Thy will be done!' For all the joys Thy child shall bring, the risk of grief we'll run. We'll shelter her with tenderness, we'll love her while we may, and for the happiness we've known, forever grateful stay. But should the angels call for her, much sooner than we've planned. We'll brave the bitter grief that comes, and try to understand.



Celebrating the life of ILYSSA DITTMER

FUNERAL SERVICE

West Funeral Home Chapel

West Fargo, North Dakota

Thursday, March 12, 2020 - 2:00 p.m.

Officiant

The Rev. John Roberts

Music

Selected C.D. "Come As You Are"

Troy Anderson, *soloist*

Tributes to Ilyssa

Read by Mike Dittmer & Sheldon Monson

Special Words

Phoenix Walseth

Honorary Pallbearers

Julia Solis Michaela Cosetllo Courtney Klostrich

Phoenix Walseth Hannah Phonethep

Jenna Bloom Paris Urrabazo

Interment

Pleasant View Cemetery

Lockhart, MN

The family wishes to express their appreciation for your kindness and support during this difficult time. Please join them for fellowship immediately following the service.

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