



Heather Anne Pihlaja (Gibson), age 42, of Frazee, MN spread her angel wings on April 14th, 2022 after a courageous battle at Vibra Hospital of Fargo, ND.

Heather will be lovingly remembered by her partner, Jeremy Pihlaja and her three cherished children, Brianna Gibson, Jasper Pihlaja and Jaden Pihlaja.

Heather was born on June 19th, 1979 in Virginia, MN to James "Jim" and Susanna

"Sue" Gibson. Heather was the youngest and leaves behind 4 siblings, Thomas Gibson, Richard (Jodie) Gibson, Deb Dorman and Jesse (Tiffany) Gibson. She started her life right off as a beautiful, unique and adventurous child with a kind heart. She was always playing in the woods or in nature and would bring home several injured animals to mend back to health.

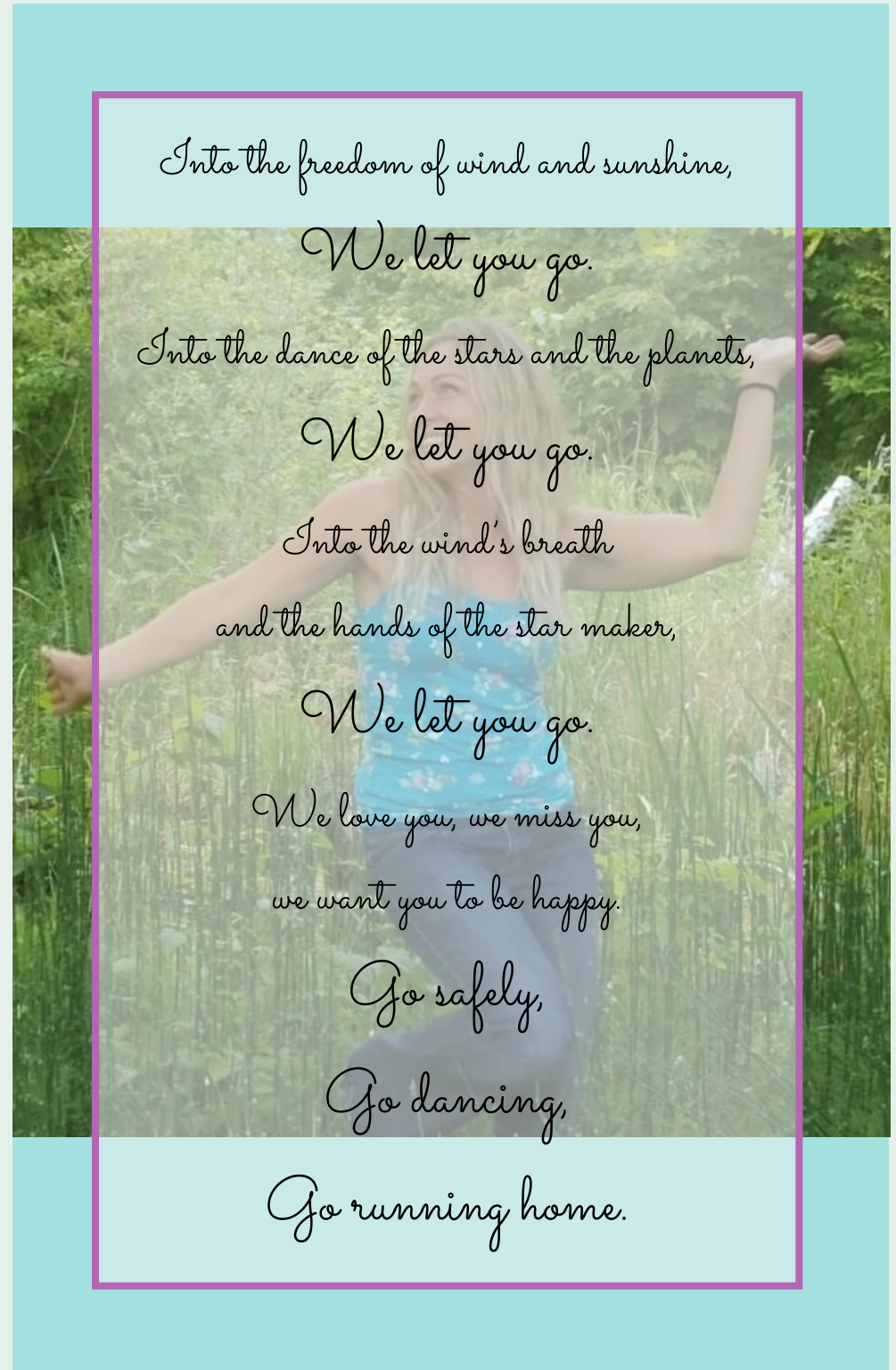
Heather forever had a positive outlook on life. She had a great sense of humor that she shared with her dad, who nicknamed her "Fuddy." They were always joking around and playing pranks on others.

Heather was a creative artist and started drawing at 3 years old. Her artistic talent lived through everything she touched; her fashion, her home and her work. She had many passions including painting, beadwork, quilting, gardening and spending time outdoors.

She was an incredibly hard worker and successful business owner of a painting and cleaning business. She had many talents and was able to work her magic to make any space appealing.

Heather will forever be missed. She had a heart of gold and loved unconditionally. Everyone that was fortunate enough to know her knows that she truly had a light surrounding her soul.

Heather is preceded in death by her parents, James "Jim" and Susanna "Sue" Gibson.



Into the freedom of wind and sunshine,

We let you go.

Into the dance of the stars and the planets,

We let you go.

Into the wind's breath

and the hands of the star maker,

We let you go.

We love you, we miss you,

we want you to be happy.

Go safely,

Go dancing,

Go running home.



Romans 8: 37-39

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Remembering the Beautiful Life of *Heather Anne Pihlaja*

Born

June 19, 1979
Virginia, Minnesota

Passed

April 14, 2022
Fargo, North Dakota

Celebration of Life

Friday, December 9, 2022-2:00 p.m.
West-Kjos Funeral Home
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Officiated By

Pastor Megan Clapp

Soloist

Kathy Torgerson

Memories by

Deb Dorman
Brianna Gibson

Arrangements by

West-Kjos Funeral Home & Cremation Services
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota