

## Remembering the Life....

Mariah Dawn Loftness was welcomed into the arms of Jesus on July 10, 2022, at Es-sentia Health in Fargo, ND. Mariah gave in death as she gave in life; Mariah gave the gift of life with many people in need through organ donation.

Mariah's story begins on February 14, 1989, in Waconia, MN. The youngest child to Larry & Barbara (Bussler) Bumgardner, she came into this world via emergency c-section making a dramatic entrance from the very beginning with her charismatic personality. As a child, Mariah loved to ride bike around the circle drive, having epic water fights with her siblings (without getting wet), and enjoyed playing basketball & softball. Mariah graduated from New Century Charter School in 2007. Mariah was baptized on March 26, 1989 as an infant and made the choice to be baptized as a teenager, reaffirming her faith by Pastor Dan Moose.

On February 12, 2011, she was married to Anthony Richard Loftness in Hutchinson, MN. Together, they lived in Buffalo Lake, MN and Litchfield, MN, until finally residing at their beautiful country home outside of Elizabeth, MN. They gathered many friends & memories with every move. Some of Tony & Mariah's cherished memories together include their simple day trips for sushi where they took the time to reconnect. Along with taking in the quiet moments together, they enjoyed making memories through adventure, with trips to Alaska & Costa Rica. Adventure was a significant part of their relationship. From the very beginning to the several adventures Mariah always had in the works. There is no denying, Mariah & Tony had mutual respect of each other and worked well as a team. Tony found encouragement in the way that Mariah pushed him every day to be a better husband, father, and leader in all that he did. Mariah brought out the best in everyone she was around. If you were ever having a bad day, she could help you through it to see and gain perspective. Mariah, well-known for her title as Mom, fiercely loved her children, Brody, Harper, and Rhett. She was their coach, cheerleader, and mama-bear, who was dedicated and creative. Mariah made it well known that her children were her "why".

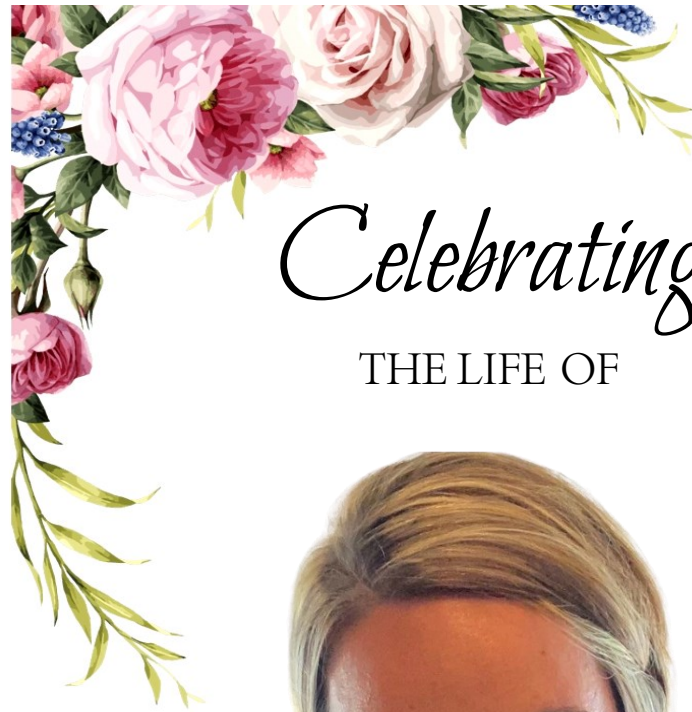
Mariah had a dream of creating a small boutique managed out of her home. She wanted to help women feel confident while having the ability to raise her babies at home. Mariah touched many lives through her boutique. Whether it was from helping someone find the perfect outfit for an event to simply being a friend, the way she ran her business was inspiring to many. She had an artistic ability and an eye for what looked good. While Mariah had her glam side, she was also a lover of the outdoors. She loved finding time to sit in a deer stand or wet a line on the lake.

Mariah is survived by her husband, Tony Loftness, and children Brody Richard, Harper Dawn and Rhett Del of Elizabeth, MN; parents Larry & Barbara (Bussler) Bumgardner of Park Rapids, MN; siblings Amber (Josh) Lamp of Twin Brooks, SD; Darren (Krista) Bumgardner of Bemidji, MN; Marc (Heather) Bumgardner of Milbank, SD; father-in-law & mother-in-law Kevin & Carol (Klinkner) Loftness of Hector, MN; sister-in-law Amber Loftness of Rochester, MN; grandfather Calvin (Jan) Bumgardner of Morris, MN; grandmother Ilene Bussler of Waconia, MN; grandmother-in-law Beverly Loftness of Buffalo Lake, MN; nieces and nephews: Bryce Lamp, Ashlynn Lamp, Payton Lamp, Avery Lamp, Olivia Bumgardner, Brielle Bumgardner, Brynna Bumgardner, & Harkin Bumgardner; and loved by many aunts, uncles & extended family.

She was preceded in death by uncle Darren Bussler; grandmother Edna Bumgardner; and grandfather Delfert Bussler.

The family of Mariah, would like to express sincere thanks for the support, prayers and sympathy they received after the sad loss of Mariah. As it would be currently, impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation.

Blessed be the Memory of Mariah Loftness



# Celebrating

## THE LIFE OF



# MARIAH LOFTNESS

An excellent wife, who can find?  
 For her worth is far above jewels.  
 The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
 And he will have no lack of gain.  
 She does him good and not evil  
 All the days of her life.

She looks for wool and flax  
 And works with her hands in delight.  
 She is like merchant ships;  
 She brings her food from afar.  
 She rises also while it is still night  
 And gives food to her household  
 And portions to her maidens.

She considers a field and buys it;  
 From her earnings she plants a vineyard.  
 She girds herself with strength  
 And makes her arms strong.

She senses that her gain is good;  
 Her lamp does not go out at night.  
 She stretches out her hands to the distaff,  
 And her hands grasp the spindle.

She extends her hand to the poor,  
 And she stretches out her hands to the needy.  
 She is not afraid of the snow for her household,  
 For all her household are clothed with scarlet.

She makes coverings for herself;  
 Her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the gates,  
 When he sits among the elders of the land.

She makes linen garments and sells *them*,  
 And supplies belts to the tradesmen.



Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
 And she smiles at the future.

She opens her mouth in wisdom,  
 And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

She looks well to the ways of her household,  
 And does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and bless her;  
 Her husband *also*, and he praises her, *saying*:

“Many daughters have done nobly,  
 But you excel them all.”

Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain,  
*But* a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

Give her the product of her hands,  
 And let her works praise her in the gates.

Proverbs 31:10-31

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Mariah D. Loftness**

February 14, 1989 ~ July 10, 2022

Celebration of Life

Monday, July 18, 2022 at 11:00 AM

Bethel Lutheran Church

Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Processional..... *“Lord, I Need You”* by Chris Tomlin

Welcome & Prayer ..... Pastor Rich Iverson

Congregational Hymn..... *“Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone”*  
 by Chris Tomlin

*“10,000 Reasons/Bless The Lord”* by Matt Rottman

*Led by Erica Lundberg and the Worship Team*

Reading of Life Story..... Pastor Rich Iverson

Proverbs 31:10-31..... Pastor Rich Iverson

The Wife of Noble Character

Special Music..... *“I Can Only Imagine”* by MercyMe

Message..... Pastor Dan Moose

Special Music..... *“Go Rest High on that Mountain”* by Vince Gill

The Lord’s Prayer..... Pastor Rich Iverson

Prayers..... Pastor Rich Iverson

Recessional..... *“How Great Thou Art”* Traditional Hymn

*Led by Erica Lundberg and the Worship Team*

Honorary Urnbearers

Payton Lamp ~ Baylee Husske ~ Keaton Peik

Urbearer

Bryce Lamp

Appreciation

Mariah’s family is grateful for your attendance at this service.  
 Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.  
 Please join family and friends for lunch and fellowship following the service.

Arrangements by

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