



## Katie Marie Hooker

May 19, 1986 - February 14, 2023

Katie Marie Hooker, 36, of Mount Sterling, OH, passed away February 14, 2023, surrounded by her family.

She was born May 19th, an unyielding Taurus, in the birth place of Rock-n-Roll, Memphis Tennessee, to her loving parents, Timothy and Laura Hooker. Having lived in Mississippi as a toddler, Katie earned the nickname, "Mississippi Squirrel" for her clever way of scooting around and a knack for finding M&M's to stow away.

Katie had many wonderful memories that she always cherished: 2005 graduate of Madison Plains High School (even if she did gain a reputation of cutting class), time she spent cuddling with her then puppy Quinn, getting to see the family grow with nieces and nephews (Dillon, Roselyn, Benjamin II, Kaeleigh, Colton, and Esther), traveling out west to Colorado and ride a cog to the heights of Pike's Peak, touring the Wizard Of Oz Museum in Kansas was a succession to her sister's desires veering off course to Colorado but Katie ended up enjoying being there with her family, being spun around the dance floor in her wheelchair and testing out new stunts, watching her VHS copy of Cinderella till it would play no more, reading a plethora of romance novels, attending many country concerts where she has met so many amazing artists. She had many wonderful moments and lived her life with no regrets.

Even though Katie lived a complex life with relentless health issues stemming from Spina Bifida, her desire to enjoy life, love her family, attend concerts, travel out west and her love of the arts kept Katie pushing for better days and

solutions to obstacles she faced. Resilient, stubborn, passionate, she handled unsavory moments with realistic and dark humor, often causing people to question the entire family's mental well-being. Katie never swayed away from her humor, enjoying the gasps and looks from others when she delivered her messages.

Katie loved her mom and dad deeply, they were Katie's biggest fan, greatest support, and provided lifelong loving care. She loved siblings through inevitable growing pains and she loved her nieces and nephews as her own. Katie loved her dog Quinn who preceded Katie in death, and she leaves behind her fur baby Mable, that will bring comfort to all during this time.

We end this memorial of Katie with one of her favorites, a country music hit by her favorite artist "Days go by, I can feel them flyin' like a hand out the window in the wind. The cars go by, it's all we've been given. So you better start livin' right now. 'Cause days go by" Keith Urban.

Funeral services are under the arrangements are under the direction of the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at: [www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com](http://www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ I am thankful to have become acquainted with Katie through Mt Sterling EyeCare and then Facebook. Tim, Laura and family, you have my deepest condolences for your great loss.

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**Barbara Brown** - March 04, 2023 at 10:24 PM

AP

“ I will always remember her big beautiful eyes, her larger than life smile, laughter and sense of humor. She taught everyone ,everyday, the true meaning of strength, dignity and endurance through never giving up no matter how hard . I will love and miss her everyday and when I think of her, I choose to think of her running through fields of gold with the sun shining upon her along side Quinn smiling, laughing and happy, free from pain, struggles and worry. Katie, we here on Earth may have lost a beautiful person but Heaven has gained a beautiful soul.

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**Amanda Praught** - February 28, 2023 at 02:28 PM

JV

“ My condolences to the entire Hooker family. I know Katie was loved and will be missed. By reading all the other messages here, it's obvious to me she gave more to the world than she took.

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**Justin Vogl** - February 19, 2023 at 08:10 AM

SS

“Katie was starting school in Madison Plains at the same time our son, Lee was starting school. Lee who has autism and epilepsy was going to be in Special Ed I can remember meeting Laura and her telling me that she was at the school and they were taking Laura and Katie down to the multiple handicap classroom and Laura asked why? She's just in a wheelchair. And so it began! My oldest sister also had a daughter with cerebral palsy so I was familiar with some of the struggles people in wheelchair deal with because people assume much. Laura was always there for Katie. I was happy to read some of the adventures the family and countered with Katie. I was saddened to read the stories about Katie's Health struggles and her hospital stays. Facebook really who was a nice way to keep in touch since we had moved away from Madison county to Marysville Ohio. God bless Laura and Sam and family and rest in peace Katie.

Susan Sitko-Edwards - February 17, 2023 at 09:26 PM

KB

“I did not get the pleasure of meeting the beautiful Miss Katie face to face but, inside this tribute is an introduction to a stunning angel. □



Keisha Bowen - February 17, 2023 at 03:15 PM

AW

“When I first met Katie, she immediately made me laugh. She had a knack for making you feel like the most interesting person in the room. Her resilience and determination inspired me and I'm glad I got to meet her. RIP sweet lady.

Angela Willis - February 17, 2023 at 04:36 AM

CM

“ *Katie was one of a kind. She kept people at her beck and call and knew how to manipulate people to get her way. From her wheelchair she was able to rule her world. Katie you will be missed by many and forever loved. To the Hooker family cherish the good memories*

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**Cindy manion** - February 17, 2023 at 02:35 AM

VH

“ *I am so thankful to have been able to be your big sister. I love you to the moon and back, times infinity, plus one.*

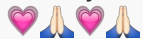


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**Victoria Hooker** - February 16, 2023 at 11:04 PM

JS

*So very sorry to hear of Katie's passing. Hugs, love and prayers to all.*



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**Janice Stanley** - February 16, 2023 at 11:27 PM