



Kayla Marie Tandy

February 27, 1998 - June 28, 2022

Kayla Marie Tandy
Hays, MT

Kayla Marie Tandy passed away Tuesday June 28, 2022.

Kayla was considered to be a bright light by all. Her undeniable charisma and caring nature made everyone love being around her. Her laugh was contagious, and her energy radiated in an indescribable way. Her fearlessness, determination, and ability to connect with people allowed her to excel in new situations and make new friends wherever she went.

Kayla was born February 27, 1998 in Sleepy Hollow, NY and raised in Peekskill and Montrose, New York.

She was living in Hays, Montana where she was working with Montana State University Extension at Fort Belknap Reservation managing the community gardens and assisting the 4-H program.

Kayla was a 2016 Hendrick Hudson High School Graduate where she was a captain of the varsity field hockey team and member of the national honor society. She was also known for her humor and riding around in her gold Ford Ranger.

Kayla was a 2019 graduate from the State University of New York at Geneseo. Her intensive course load allowed her to earn a Bachelors in Economics with Suma Cum Laude honors in three years.

After college, Kayla spent two years as a Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Member

teaching at Mission Grade School in Hays, Montana, where she cared fiercely about her students.

After Mission Grade School, Kayla worked as a Garden Educator at the Kids Unlimited Academy in Medford, Oregon, before returning to her community in Hays for her second summer working for MSU Extension.

She is survived by her parents Claire and Patrick, her brothers Sean and Ryan, her grandparents Dave and Cele Tandy and Patricia Osborn, as well as her many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, neighbors, and students.

A celebration of life with by held Friday the 15th of July in Montrose.

Please consider a donation in Kayla's memory to one of the following organizations:

Hays Community Garden, Please list in memo "Kayla Tandy Hays Community Garden" and make the check out to Colette Werk. Mailing Address below:

Colette Werk

PO Box 468

Hays, MT 59527

Or

National Indigenous Women's Resource Center: <https://www.niwrc.org/donate>

Tribute Wall



“ *Kayla Marie Tandy*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Blue and Yellow Orchid Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Kayla Marie Tandy.*



July 15, 2022 at 03:59 PM



“ *Billie Lim Ifshin purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.silhafuneralhomes.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Kayla Marie Tandy.*

Billie Lim Ifshin - July 14, 2022 at 07:25 PM



“ *The UE Leasing Team purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Kayla Marie Tandy.*



The UE Leasing Team - July 14, 2022 at 11:48 AM

WW

“ *Kayla was a beautiful lady, she loved working with the kids young & old, a true friend to Us all who worked with her, it really hurt to find out she passed away. We will miss her very much in Hays, she became a part of our little community. Rest in peace dear friend! Sending prayers & condolences to all of her family & friends. Wilma Werk, Hays, Mt. 59527*

Wilma Werk werk - July 13, 2022 at 10:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kayla Marie Tandy.*



July 13, 2022 at 10:26 PM

MP

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Tandy Family at the loss of beautiful Kayla. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. From the Pogue Family Mississauga, Ontario, Canada*

Maureen Pogue - July 13, 2022 at 09:10 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kayla Marie Tandy.*



July 13, 2022 at 12:04 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kayla Marie Tandy.



July 12, 2022 at 10:16 PM



“ To the Tandy Family,
Our most deepest sympathy for the passing of your sweet angel,
Kayla.
From your friends, The Henderson Family (Hespeler, ON)

Mark and Helen Henderson - July 12, 2022 at 02:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kayla Marie Tandy.



July 11, 2022 at 08:23 PM



“ Miss Kayla was the most amazing teacher to my son and I am happy to say that she was a great friend of mine. He was lucky enough to have her for two years at mission grade school. We have so many pictures and memories with her to hold dearly. She will be missed, prayers to her family & friends.

Kallie Crantz - July 11, 2022 at 05:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kayla Marie Tandy.*



July 11, 2022 at 05:00 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.silhafuneralhomes.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Kayla Marie Tandy.

July 11, 2022 at 04:26 PM



“ *I can't believe my beautiful Kayla passed away. She had too much love and talent to share with the world. She was one of my favorites and the smartest in my Spanish classes, my right hand and my best helper. She was always willing to take responsibilities and be there for her friends. She will be in my heart forever. Take care of me from heaven dearest Kayla. Love and blessings from Sepi.*

Myrta Sepulveda - July 11, 2022 at 04:21 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kayla Marie Tandy.*



July 11, 2022 at 12:17 PM

KG

“ I didn't know Kayla well. I meet her a couple of time when she played field hockey for my wife Heather at HenHud. Last September when Heather passed away she wrote me the nicest letter about how she enjoyed playing for her and that they still texted on her birthday and how my wife made difference. It was the only letter I saved to show my kids when they came home from school. It lifted me up when I was pretty much at my lowest to know someone appreciated my wife's work. It showed me she was a very special person. I guess that is why my wife kept in touch with her. I am so sorry for your loss because heaven did just get another angel. May her soul rest in peace with God.

Kevin Gallagher - July 11, 2022 at 11:04 AM

LZ

“ Kayla was a beautiful soul. She brightened our office at HHHS whenever she came in for whatever she needed. We were only to happy to help. Her smile kind words, soft voice and respect will forever be remembered. Heaven has gained another angel and the the night a bright shining star. Soar high above and RIP sweet child 🙏💕

Lori & Michael Zulla - July 10, 2022 at 06:17 PM

MM

Kayla was a very sweet girl!! Always had a big smile for everyone, working at the High School gave me many opportunities to meet some very special students and she was one of them. R.I.P. Kayla ❤️🙏

Maryann Martin - July 10, 2022 at 06:43 PM

CB

Kayla was a joy on the field hockey team. Her smile, her spirit, her talent, her Irish fire, but mostly her kind soul made a lasting impact wherever she roamed. May she bring smiles to you even in your grief. God Bless.

Colleen Blair - July 11, 2022 at 10:32 AM



Although I never met Kayla in person, I will never forget Kayla's fierce advocacy for her students and her deep love for the community of Hays, Montana. I was a Jesuit Volunteer in Hays a few years before Kayla was, and I worked with her from afar when changes were being made to Mission Grade School that would affect the students we both loved so much. In the middle of an extremely chaotic school year, Kayla worked tirelessly not only to make sure that Hays community members had a voice in the decision-making process at the school but also to keep the extended family of Former Jesuit Volunteers in the loop with what was happening in Hays, which made me feel connected. I was also in awe of how Kayla sprang into action when COVID-19 forced the school to close its doors for portions of the 2020-2021 school year. She organized food deliveries, helped keep in touch with families, and applied for (and got!) funding to provide technology that each student would need for virtual learning. I continue to be inspired by her passion and am sending lots of love to all who are grieving this loss.

Hopey Fink - July 12, 2022 at 10:05 PM

JJ

Kayla, your smile, your kindness, your love for nature, your love and respect showed to our families and kids unlimited staff community will remain for ever in our memories. God bless you and your family. Sincerely.

Jose Jimenez - July 13, 2022 at 12:06 AM

DS

Kayla was a delightful young woman, full of plans and ideas for extending the garden and sharing it's produce. My deepest sympathy to her family and loved ones. She will be missed.

Deanna Steinke - July 15, 2022 at 01:54 AM

LZ

*Dear Claire Patrick and boys
I'm so very very sorry to hear of Kayla's passing. May loving and beautiful memories hold bright in your hearts every day and ease your pain. God bless you all and RIP heavens angel Kayla 🙏*

Laura Zulla - July 29, 2022 at 10:09 AM