



## Dakota Lynn Hickman

October 13, 1993 - October 13, 2014

Dakota Lynn Hickman, age 21, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away unexpectedly on Monday, October 13, 2014 in Sault Ste. Marie. Dakota was born on October 13, 1993 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She received her GED from Sault Area Schools and was currently attending Bay Mills Community College with plans to continue her education at Central Michigan University where she would pursue a degree in OB nursing. She was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Dakota enjoyed all sports, but was especially fond of playing softball in the Sault women's softball league, team Best Wireless. She also enjoyed swimming, camping, decorating, listening and dancing to music, taking pictures of all her family and friends, and of course selfies! She loved all animals, especially her cat Keekers. Dakota's humor and spontaneous nature allowed her to connect and make lifelong friendships with anyone and everyone she met. She found a way to make everything in life fun and joyful. She was an inspiration to us all with a smile and personality that could light up a room. Her generous and selfless spirit shown through to each and everyone she knew. She will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered always as our Koda Butt and her mother Linda's little Bunny. Dakota is survived by her mother: Linda Railsback of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; two sisters: Samie Railsback of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, and Nichelle Franklin of Springfield, MO; as well as aunties: Sis, Sherrie, and many, many more; nieces and nephews: Joselynn, Ashten, Carlyon, Cruz, Chanell, Jasmine, Elaina, and Terry James; and many loving uncles, cousins

and friends. She is also survived by her beloved adopted family including mother: Veronica Beaumont; stepfather Gary Beaumont and sisters: Sonja Hickman, Mya Hickman, and Bella Hickman all of Kincheloe, MI. Dakota is preceded in Heaven by her adoptive father: Terry Hickman and uncle: Jackie Germain. Friends and family may gather at the cultural center starting at 1:00 PM on Friday October 17, 2014 and continuing through the night. Traditional native services will be held that night and the next morning. A funeral service will be held at the Niigaanagiizhik Cultural Center on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 11:00 AM with Pastor Eloise Kreml officiating. Burial following at Will Walk Cemetery on Sugar Island.

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Auntie jen loves u koda butt!! Forever in my heart...will never forget that beautiful smile, wonderful personality and all the joy you brought to each and everyone of us that had the pleasure of having such a wonderful young lady in our lives....rest easy my girl lots of love from aunt jen Bradley Alicia and raeann

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**jennifer hyde** - October 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dakota my sweet little girl.... I can't belie your gone? I have so many good memories when you where little at uncle Randy's house! You where always so much fun and always brang a smile to my face!!!! I will never forget you that's for sure. You have touched so many peoples lives in your short time! May you rest in peace princess and keep shinning like the star you are!!! I love you

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**Dawn Cruickshank** - October 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dakota was a very good friend of mine growing up. This is truly devastating, she was such a sweet soul. She will forever be in our hearts and memories. Rest easy babygirl .

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**Sandy, Hope, Mark Hays** - October 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dear Linda,  
You are in my prayers, I am so sorry for your tragic loss. You are a wonderful woman  
Peace  
Beckie Herbert  
Case Manager  
MI.Works

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**Beckie Herbert** - October 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Hi hunny!!! Rest easy Dakota. I'm so happy and grateful I got to know you for the short time that I did.

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**Kristen** - October 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss your family is in our prayers know that if there is anything we can do for all of you we are here for you I pray you find the strength to move forward It is so sad that she is not here on earth with us but she is a true angel and will always looking down on all of us she is in the best loving hands our dear lord

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**Fred & Carol Eby** - October 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dakota. I remember her so well as a little girl, when she and Sammie stayed with me and Skimpers for a short time one summer. She was such a joy. Bless you all - I will be thinking and praying for you.

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**Karen (Franklin) Senkus** - October 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I am sorry for your loss!! never met Dakota.She was a close friend of my son,Steven Sherman.He is devastated. I cannot imagine the pain you must going through.Prayers are being said for all of Dakotas family and friends>

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**Kathleen Cardella** - October 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Linda, and all of Dakota's Family and friends. We are so deeply sorry for the loss of your beautiful sweet Dakota. She left way to soon and will be greatly missed. I too lost a daughter many years ago so I understand the pain and the loss. There are no words.I pray that God will give you strength and peace. We love you!

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**Gail & Marv Hall/Gelineau** - October 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ My 2 year old heart goes out to your family. Both sides of my families are so sorry for your loss. Say Hi to my Mumma Dakota. thank you, Jo and Kali

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**Kalilah Marie Grooms** - October 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ My condolences to the family on such a tragic loss.

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**Tyler nelson** - October 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ So sorry Dakota, u had to leave so early. You are a Beautiful person and your fun loving beautiful spirit will live on in all the lives you've touch!! Love you.

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**Kina Myrick** - October 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ thanks kodes for letting be part of your short but wonderful life. the times we had together were nothing but fun times. thanks miss ya .

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**Daryl j. lockhart** - October 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I remember her as a little girl and I am sad to say that is all she will ever be .All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. RIP Kota

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**Lucy Pavlat** - October 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dakota's obituary is a beautiful, loving tribute to a beautiful, loving young woman! Linda, Samie, family and friends of Koda's, my sincere sympathy for your loss!

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**Julie McLeod** - October 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM