



Leah Kathryn Cook

September 26, 1974 - September 22, 2021

We lost our beautiful 46 year old daughter, Leah Kathryn Cook, on September 22nd from complications of Covid-19. She was born on September 26, 1974 at the Naval Hospital on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California. She grew up in California, the Washington, DC area and moved to Tallahassee at fourteen when our family joined Lawton Chiles in his bid for governor. She attended Shepherd Academy, and earned a degree in political science from FSU in 2001. While attending college, she became interested in children's issues while working for her mentor, Pam Phelps, at Creative PreSchool. Her career advocating for children began at the Center for Prevention and Early Intervention, then to legislative work at the Florida Children's Campaign and later advocating for the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) at the Office of Early Learning. Leah was sassy, bright, articulate and generous with her time and money for those who needed help. She loved to cook and often shared her meals with her 93 year old next door neighbor. Leah made each day more interesting, challenging, and entertaining and she will be greatly missed. She is survived by her parents, Doug and Rose Cook of Tallahassee, her daughter, Kaiya Shapiro (Reid) of Atlanta, her brother Ryan Cook (Rhianna) of Orlando, her soulmate of many years, Jim Eaton of Tallahassee and many loving aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews spread across the country.

A Celebration of Life service will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m Sunday, October 10, 2021 at The Woman's Club of Tallahassee.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their

arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **10**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

The Woman's Club in Los Robles
1513 Fernando Drive
Tallahassee, FL

Tribute Wall

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“ Our thoughts are with you Rose and Doug.

Denise Mercier and Marty Bishop - October 07, 2021 at 09:04 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Kaiya - October 06, 2021 at 09:25 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leah Kathryn Cook.



October 05, 2021 at 08:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leah Kathryn Cook.



October 05, 2021 at 02:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leah Kathryn Cook.*



October 04, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ *Sassy, bright, articulate and generous is the perfect set of adjectives to describe Leah. She was an enthusiastic and hard working free spirit when I first met her as a kid working together at the Chiles Center and was ever expanding her reach to make the world a better place for Moms and kids. God bless you Leah, wherever you have gone, I know your spirit and energy will inspire those of us who remain. Rose, Doug, many hugs and prayers*

Betty Serow - October 04, 2021 at 10:39 AM



“ *I will always remember Leah as a sweet little girl being spoiled by her grandparents, Edith and Preston Harrell.*

Kathy Kinsey - October 03, 2021 at 08:11 PM