



Abbey Nichole Harris

June 18, 1983 - June 28, 2016

Abbey Nichole Grossnickle Harris, 33, of Athens, Alabama passed away Tuesday, June 28, in a motor vehicle accident. Abbey was born in Portsmouth, Virginia on June 18, 1983 to Wayne Robert Grossnickle and Tracy Hamilton Mitchell. Abbey attended Athens High School and went on to receive her Doctorate from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She took great pride in being a professor of psychology at UAB and had a lifelong love of learning.

Dr. Abbey Harris is survived by her father, Wayne Robert Grossnickle, of Athens; mother, Tracy Hamilton Mitchell, and stepfather Jim Mitchell, of Gallatin, TN; stepmother, Shelia Grossnickle Miller, of Cairo; sister, Emily Kaitlin Grossnickle, and niece, Cora Grace Murphy of Elkmont; grandmother, Dorothy Grossnickle, of Lehigh, Ia. She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and other loved ones.

Memorials may be made to the National Autism Association or to the family to be put towards a college fund for her beloved niece, Cora Grace.

Visitation services will be held at Limestone Chapel Friday, July 1 from 6 to 9 pm. We will celebrate Abbey's beautiful spirit on Saturday, July 2 at 11 am, with graveside service to follow at Crestview Cemetery in Gallatin, TN.

Pallbearers will be Matt Flynn, Wes Flynn, Clint Cook, Riley Murphy, Erik Grossnickle and Shawn Grossnickle. Honorary pallbearer will be Cora Grace Murphy.

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US

“ I took Dr. Harris statistics class at UAB. She was one of the best teachers I had. I would like to let family and friends know that she will be remembered as an inspiration in many of her students lives. I am so sorry, may she rest in peace. God has a reason for everything.

UAB Student - July 06, 2016 at 05:12 PM

KR

“ I took Dr. Harris for Developmental Psychology. I found myself reminiscing on some of the best professors I had at UAB and Dr. Abbey Harris was at the top of that list. I wanted to see if she still taught at UAB and came upon this page. I am deeply sorry for the loss of this beautiful soul and my condolences are with her family. I am in absolute shock. She was a wonderful person and a wonderful professor. A life truly taken too soon. I am so sorry.

Kristen Rutledge - July 03, 2016 at 07:33 PM

SC

“ This message was posted on the Facebook page of the Samford University Department of Psychology:

I am sad to report that Dr. Abbey Harris, who taught Psyc 101 for us this past Spring, has tragically died in a car accident. Dr. Harris was at the beginning of a career of great promise. She cared deeply about her students and her teaching. We are thankful that we and our students benefited from her knowledge and talents. On behalf of the faculty and staff of the psychology department, we wish her family and friends our deepest sympathies.

Stephen Chew - July 02, 2016 at 10:38 PM

CB

“ I was one of Abbey's peers at UAH and she was such an amazing person. This is so terrible and so unfortunate. She was such a wonderful personality. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Carime Bibb - July 02, 2016 at 01:09 PM

KH

“ Im so very sorry to hear of this! She and I were close friends in middle school. My prayers are with the family!

Karen Hardy - July 01, 2016 at 08:30 PM

LW

“ Praying for all of Abbey's loved ones for comfort and strength during this very difficut time. I had the pleasure of working with her sweet precious Mother, Tracy. I know how proud she was of Abbey as well as how much she loved her. Abbey was just four years younger than my own sons. My heartfelt sympathy and love and goes out to her family.

Lucy Wilson - July 01, 2016 at 07:05 PM

JV

“ She had this framed for me! She came by my office and put it on my desk facing my door! Anytime she stopped by and noticed it wasn't facing the door she would correct it, turn it back and give me a "LOOK". I told her I didn't need a picture facing the door to show how proud I was to be with her. Everyone already knew how proud I was. With it facing the door I couldn't look at it. I just wish I showed her even more. Never have I understood tomorrow isn't a given, until this week! I will miss you forever. I love you baby

Jason Volk - July 01, 2016 at 06:54 PM

CH

“ We have one more beautiful angel up above. She is with all our family in heaven not alone. It is hard now but one day we will see her again. Prayers and comfort to all of you.
cuz colleen Hay

Colleen Hay - June 30, 2016 at 06:51 PM

SC

“ San Francisco 2009

Shelley Carroll - June 30, 2016 at 06:38 PM

ES

“ I had the honor of being one of Abbey's professors at UAH. She was not only an outstanding student; she was a genuinely good and loving person. Everyone she met was uplifted by her spirit and her kindness. She made the world a better place just by being part of it, and now that world is so much poorer. I remember her grief and how she mourned her friend Keara , and now they are reunited in the glory of God the Father. God bless you, Abbey, I am proud of the student you were, proud of the professional you became, and I will always be proud to have been a small part of your life.

Eric A. Seemann - June 30, 2016 at 06:18 PM

TS

“ Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with them.

Tribute Store - June 30, 2016 at 04:57 PM

JM

“ Abbey was full of life and adventure. Being a university professor was not enough. She had told me she wanted to be a part of something larger than herself. She decided she wanted to use her skills to help our soldiers suffering from PTSD. Abbey was poised to accept an Officer's Commission in the U.S. Army, to help soldiers recover. She always thought of others before herself. In the short time I've known her, I fell in love with her. Even though she was my stepdaughter, I felt of her as my daughter. She made you proud. Tell Aunt Ruby hi for us. We miss you.

Jim Mitchell - June 30, 2016 at 04:17 PM

KE

“ I still think about Dr. Harris regularly, if not daily. My heart clinches every time I walk by her office at UAB. She is deeply missed.

Kristin Entler - January 17, 2016 at 11:42 AM