



## Alexandra Ashley Barger Poling Croger

May 12, 1974 - November 18, 2023

Alexandra Ashley Barger Poling Croger, age 49, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in an automobile accident in Monroe County, Indiana on Saturday November 18, 2023. Alexandra was born May 12, 1974 and was eagerly welcomed by her family, Joyce and John Poling and her sister, Elizabeth. She was spunky and bright eyed and always kept her family busy. She attended Montessori Elementary School for pre-school and University School for elementary school. She enjoyed participating in many dance recitals with the Shirley Keith dance studio. Alexandra was blessed to have Mrs. Talbot and Mrs. Woods as two of her most treasured teachers who guided her and supported her in her elementary school years. She then continued her high school education at Bloomington High School North and then at Marion Heights Academy in Ferdinand, Indiana. Alexandra continued her education and attended University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Indiana, spending quality time with her beloved now-deceased grandparents, Mamalie and Daddy Hugh Barger, and then she went on to earn her Associates Degree from Hopkinsville Community College.

After living in Hopkinsville, Kentucky for several years and getting divorced, she came back to live a full and wonderful life in Monroe County. She enjoyed volunteering with many groups in the community and was especially fond of her time working with the wonderful women at the Monroe County Historical Society. Alexandra had an amazing knitting talent and she made many

beautiful blankets and scarves for family and friends and others.

Alexandra fiercely battled throat cancer which spread to her lungs but she did not let the treatments or the disease knock her down. She was determined to overcome great odds and she fought and did not let the cancer define her or take her life in the end.

Alexandra loved spending time with her family and found amazing joy with her dog Rex and she truly enjoyed her friendships with her many Deer Run neighbors in Ellettsville. Despite her illness, Alexandra loved to travel frequently to Lake Havasu, Arizona and Orlando, Florida with her Aunt Gloria and this past summer she was able to travel to Paris, France with her mom, Aunt Gloria and her niece, Tierney to enjoy a riverboat cruise. She also treasured her numerous, wonderful visits with her Aunt Carol and close cousins Michele and Marcy and their children and grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Dr. Jacqueline Joyce and Nurse Navigator Frank Deckard for their tremendous care and support for Alexandra. The family would also like to thank the Monroe County History Center Garage Sale Ladies who provided a comfortable and safe place for Alexandra and would like to thank all of her Deer Run neighbors who looked out for her and ensured she was safe walking Rex. Alexandra had a special relationship with Shannon Keith and her husband and their children, and Alexandra's family is so thankful for the love and support Alexandra and her entire family receive from the Keith Family.

Alexandra is survived by her beloved parents, John Maurice Poling and Joyce Elaine Barger Poling and her sister Elizabeth (Donald) Hanigan and Alexandra's niece and nephew who brought her great joy, Tierney Hanigan and Will Hanigan, who cherish their time they had with their Aunt Alex and will miss her dearly. Alexandra is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Alexandra's memory to the Ivy Tech Foundation or the Monroe County History Center.

A visitation will be held to celebrate Alexandra's life on Tuesday, November 21st, 2023 from 5pm-7:30pm at Allen Funeral Home (4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, IN 47401).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ I met Alexandra at Georgetown College in the early 90s. She had an infectious life force about her. We went to a Spring formal and lost touch with her. She was a beautiful soul to me. I will always carry her in my heart.

DJ - February 14 at 12:26 AM

MC

“ She was my friend! I met her at the coffee connection when I first moved to Hopkinsville 10 years ago. I don't know what to say other than i'm sorry to her family, friends and all who loved her! I can't imagine not ever having known her! i will miss her terribly.. I love you Alex!

Monica Cooley - December 08, 2023 at 04:18 AM



“ Dear Joyce, John, and Elizabeth...I am holding you and your family in the deepest, most tender space in my heart during your tough and tender time. I am so grateful for the times in my life I spent in your wonderful home and always remember Alexandra so fondly. You have all my love. Warmest hugs to each of you, Darci Hawxhurst

Darci Hawxhurst - November 22, 2023 at 10:24 AM

MP

*I'm in shock at reading that Alex is not with us . I was with her on the 17th . We met every week together. I really enjoyed her company. She was always worrying about her dad. We talked about her cancer & all of life stresses on her. Her walks in the neighborhood with her dog. Chemo, wigs, her pretty new car her visit to Lake Havasu, her trip to France, all the family gatherings in French Lick, etc. I will be missing her weekly visits. So sorry for your loss. I will keep your family in my prayers. Mary Pearson/ 812 219 5663*

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**Mary Pearson** - November 26, 2023 at 02:01 PM

DS

“ John and Joyce,

*So sorry to hear about the loss of your daughter, Alexandra. Know you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you in your time of need.*

*Jim and Doris Sims*

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**Doris Sims** - November 21, 2023 at 02:01 PM

KA

“ *I loved Alex so much, I will always remember our talks and how she helped me in my recovery and just in our walk in life, she was an inspiration and such a dear friend.*



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**Kristen Alexander** - November 21, 2023 at 09:54 AM

MW

“ Joyce, John, and family,

*We are so sorry for your loss. You and your loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*Our heartfelt condolences,  
Martin and Tessa Wolfger*

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**Martin Wolfger** - November 21, 2023 at 08:02 AM

SL

Joyce,

*I am so sorry about your daughter. My deepest thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*

*Sengyong Lee*

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**Sengyong Lee** - November 21, 2023 at 09:47 AM

KW

*This is so shocking to hear. When she lived in KY I got to know and fell in love with her. Prayers for your family.*

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**Karen Walker** - November 22, 2023 at 12:42 PM



*John, Joyce, and Elizabeth I want to express my thoughts about your loss in the passing of Alexandra. if one word could define her is Joy. I will miss her.*

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**Janell Barger** - November 24, 2023 at 03:06 PM

GB

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gloria barger - November 20, 2023 at 11:26 PM

PB

“ I loved her dearly and treasure all the time we spent together.  
You're at rest now, sweet Alex.

Patricia Ann Beliles - November 20, 2023 at 09:48 PM

SM

“ Many blessings to you and your family. Paul & Stacie Marotta

Stacie Marotta - November 20, 2023 at 04:19 PM

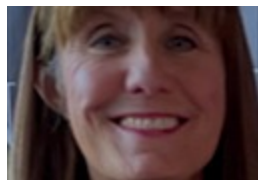
JG

“ Joyce and family, my heart breaks for all of you! May you be  
surrounded with all of the love and support that you need during this  
time. Sending you much love, Jeannie Galbreath

jeannie galbreath - November 20, 2023 at 10:21 AM



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Allen Funeral Home and Crematory - November 20, 2023 at 09:54 AM

LS

“ Alex was pure joy and grace. My prayers are with her family and friends thur this devastating loss.



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**Linnell Schur** - November 20, 2023 at 09:53 AM

CB

“ I remember Alexandra being so smilely and friendly. Very spunky and engaging!  
prayers for comfort to all that love her❤️

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**carol borland ballard** - November 20, 2023 at 04:46 AM