



Danielle LaChance (Crain)

January 15, 1972 - December 10, 2012

Danielle LaChance (Crain), 40, of Springfield, Illinois, died peacefully at her home on December 7, 2012. Danielle was born on January 15, 1972 in San Bernardino, California, to parents, Tony and Jill LaChance. Danielle was preceded in death by her father, Tony LaChance. Surviving Danielle are her best friend and husband, Matthew Crain; her stepson, Kalen Oliver, of Springfield, Illinois; her mother, Jill LaChance, of Fontana California; her sister, LA Graham, of Vancouver, Washington; her extended family, Bill and Leila Crain, Brian and Jennifer (Crain) Martin, Tom and Allison (Crain) Austin, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, too many to name. She is also survived by Seamus the wonder dog, her constant companion, and very special friend. She attended William Woods College where she graduated with a degree in International Business Studies and French. She went on to obtain her Juris Doctor and Masters of Business Administration at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. She practiced law for the Marion County States Attorney in Salem, Illinois. and had been a hearing officer for Collinsville, Illinois and city attorney for Edwardsville, Illinois. Danielle was a loving wife and stepmother, feisty daughter, a champion debater, a master storyteller, a lover of all things Hawaiian, a remarkable sister, friend and a bright light whose wit, humor and insight will be deeply missed by all. Although Danielle was small in stature, she was a force to be reckoned with in the courtroom and in life. A visitation for Danielle LaChance will be at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia,

Illinois on Monday, December 10, 2012 between 4 and 6p.m. with a memorial service at 6:00 P.M. for her family. Memorial Donations may be made to the Siteman Cancer Center and will be received at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, Illinois, which is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

BD

“ I shall always regret that a decision by another and beyond our control kept us from the visitation. Danielle was a very special friend. She was wise beyond her years and so highly intelligent. One day we may understand why she was taken from this earth so soon. As of now, it seems so unfair. It just shouldn't be. But, we know it is. God Bless her and let her know how we appreciated her humor, her wit, her kindness, her stubbornness, her compassion and - yes - that wisdom that she couldn't hide even when she didn't want to be serious.

Ben and Kathy Dickmann - December 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ I was so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone.

Gloria Freels - December 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am so very sad to hear this news. My thoughts are with her family. When I remember our junior high and high school times I will always think of Danielle with a smile.

Misty Jaquez - December 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I am saddened by the death of Danielle. Its been many years since we have spoken, but she was the kindest person. We went to elementary school together and I remember how close she was to her cousin AJ. My condolences go out to your family and may Danielle rest on peace.

Mario Ragsdale - December 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Today is National Children's Memorial Day. It is always the 2nd Sunday in December. People around the world Light candles from 7PM until 8 PM in each time zone, thus creating a 24 hour vigil around the world to remember the loss of children that left this world far to soon. I will be lighting a candle for Danielle this evening and I would invite others to join me and do the same. Although I cannot be in Illinois to say share my thoughts and memories, I want your family to know that you are all close in my thoughts and prayers. I feel blessed to have known Danielle and I know this is only a "See you Later," as we all will see her again in a much better place. Rest In Peace Precious Girl!

Martha Glubka - December 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I didn't know Danielle was ill until after she passed. She was just a very young lady when I knew her through the Japanese exchange program. She and my son Craig were close at that time. She was a wonderful girl and I too feel blessed to have known her. Your family will be in my prayers until we all meet in Heaven. Rest in Peace Danielle.

Janet Andersen-Dubbs - December 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Danielle came into my life and brought a gift like no other! I wish we'd had more time, but I cherish the time we did have. She will be missed and forever loved. Thank you, Danielle!

Cathy Lashly - December 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I am so sad to hear the passing of Danielle. She was a sweet little girl that I remember and I am so impressed at all of her accomplishments as she grew into a wonderful young woman. My deepest sympathies to her family. *Bobbie Black-Padilla*

Bobbie Black-Padilla - December 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ i met Danielle via playing mafia wars she touched the hearts of our family

December 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

IB

“ r.i.p Danielle.....ian...{rocc}

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“ Matthew (husband) God saw Danielle getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around her and whispered "Come to Me." With tearful eyes you & family watched her and saw her pass away. Although you loved her dearly, you could not make her stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best. Kalen (stepson) And you should always know, wherever you may go, no matter where you are, Your stepmom, Danielle will never be far away. Jill (mother) May you take comfort in knowing an angel is watching over you. Tony (father) May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead. Danielle & meet in elementary... Lost touch sometime after high school. Facebook brought us back together. Danielle wasn't only a Facebook collection of friends, we actually chatted, inbox & recently texted each other. Danielle and I reminisced about our childhood, Danielle had a memory that I had forgotten all about.... She reminded me of a birthday party she attended for me at McDonald's.... WHOA talk about a flashback!!! I had told Danielle how I was so jealous of her childhood, that in my eyes she had everything, she laughed at me. I guess when we were kids we always think someone else's life is better than our own. Danielle's family was active in the community her family had hosted the Japanese foreign exchange student program in our city, that's the place we all went to get our Japanese student, even my family participated (LOTS OF FUN!) Danielle & I even talked about our lives now. I wanted her to know that the picture of her & Matt titled "sigh wish every day was like this" was my favorite & when I grow up I want to have a picture just like that with my best friend. Danielle had told me how her & Matt & his son, their son met and how he was her angel & best friend. We also talked about her & mine's health problems.... Danielle had said she had her good & bad days. We talked about my health issues with scleroderma. There were times when she was laid up in bed not feeling well, there were days she was waiting for her mom to fly in to help out & there was a time when she had told me doctors gave her a clean bill of health..... People are surprised when they hear of Danielle's death because they didn't even know she was ill. Maybe it's because Danielle was so

happy to hear about your accomplishments & families. When I think about it now, I believe she down played her cancer with some & even me. I also would go to Danielle for advice. I knew she was a lawyer in another state. I knew laws were different from state to state and Danielle never failed to remind me of that too. I didn't care I went to danielle for she was one smart cookie especially for her words of encouragement & wisdom. Danielle always lifted my spirits, gave me hope, encouragement & she made me laugh too. I recently needed some words of encouragement so I had text Danielle & I was off texting only to look on Facebook and see that Danielle & her family were sight seeing in Hawaii. Never did Danielle tell me she was on vaca, I had even asked if she was busy through text & she replied "No" it wasn't till I had seen her pictures on Facebook and realize OMIGAWD how rude of me, I soon text Daniele back and told her "I'm sorry didn't know you were on vaca, I'll talk to you when your home" she replied, "thank you". See even on vacation Danielle was there for her friends. I am so lucky for having the chance to meet Danielle, have her as a childhood friend & now as into our adult lives. I will cherish our memories & our chats. You will forever be missed!!!!

Christine Carbajal - December 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“*What a tragedy. Still can't believe Danielle is gone. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Jill and those who loved her. We pray you may know the peace and comfort this heartfelt thought imparts. "The ones we love are never gone, they live within our hearts." You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Larry & Louise James - December 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I knew Danielle when we went to school in Fontana. I am deeply saddend to hear she was taken so early. She was a wonderful friend and admired by many. God Bless her family and friends.

Karissa Foster - December 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ We were so sad to learn of Danielle's passing. She was a remarkable, accomplished, and well loved woman. She was always the light in the room -- the one who made everyone laugh. Our deepest sympathies to her Family, her Friends and all who knew her. She will be missed and all of us have lost a wonderful human being. Dan & Margie Heminger, Fredericksburg, Virginia

DAN & MARGIE HEMINGER - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM