



## Tiara Nicole Howard

March 17, 1989 - May 13, 2023

Tiara Nicole Howard, age 34, of French Creek, took her place among the angels on Saturday, May 13, 2023. She was born on March 17, 1989, in Buckhannon, WV. She was a loving mother to Kendall Brooke and a precious daughter to her mother Joni Kay Nelson Howard and her father Ronnie Howard, who both survive. Also surviving are her paternal grandmother Janet L. Howard; maternal grandmother Kay Nelson Hudgins; special loving aunt Susan Meeks; her partner in life Jason Brown; and many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins, along with her adored four-legged babies Rocco and Lexi. Tiara was preceded in death by her sister Ciara Brooke Howard and grandparents: Roscoe "Buck" Nelson, C. Earl Howard, and Fred Hudgins. She and her sister are undoubtedly reunited in Heaven and most likely surrounded by all the sweet dogs they have rescued, loved, and lost over the years.

Tiara was a 2007 graduate of B-U High and a 2011 graduate of WV Wesleyan College. Entrepreneurialism and hard work were instilled in her from a very young age as she grew up helping in her mom's convenience store, riding and navigating the roads across country with her dad in his eighteen-wheeler and working in her mom's real estate business, earning her real estate license at the age of 18. Her family was the center of her life. She had a true spirit of adventure as she spent her childhood skiing the mountains of Canaan Valley and roaming the hills of West Virginia on her four-wheeler, knowing all the best trails and back roads of Upshur County by heart. Her love of classic

country music accompanied her in all her journeys. She made friends everywhere she went and never left anyone's heart untouched by her unwavering compassion for all those she met along the way. Tiara will be remembered more than anything for her kind heart and humility. She was quick to do for others without expectation of anything in return. Though her time on earth was too short, she was a gift to all who knew her. She was a cherished daughter, mother, granddaughter, niece, cousin, and friend to so many.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, May 21, 2023, from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM, at the Heavner and Cutright Funeral Chapel. Private graveside services and interment will be held at the French Creek Memorial Gardens.

# Cemetery Details

**French Creek Memorial Gardens**

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel  
940 Route 20 South Road  
Buckhannon, WV 26201

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Judy Harness lit a candle in memory of Tiara Nicole Howard*



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**Judy Harness** - March 10, 2024 at 07:21 PM

JH

*Tiara was the best friend anyone could have. I have so many memories of her and miss her so much. Fly high my friend. You are one of a kind and missed so much. I love you with all my heart. Until we meet again.*

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**Judy Harness** - March 10, 2024 at 07:24 PM

MH

“ *There are no words that can stop the pain you all are feeling right now. Both your girls were precious souls, hold on to the memories and that sweet little granddaughter God blessed you with. Love and prayers.*

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**Mary and Buster Hyre** - May 20, 2023 at 08:04 PM

KR

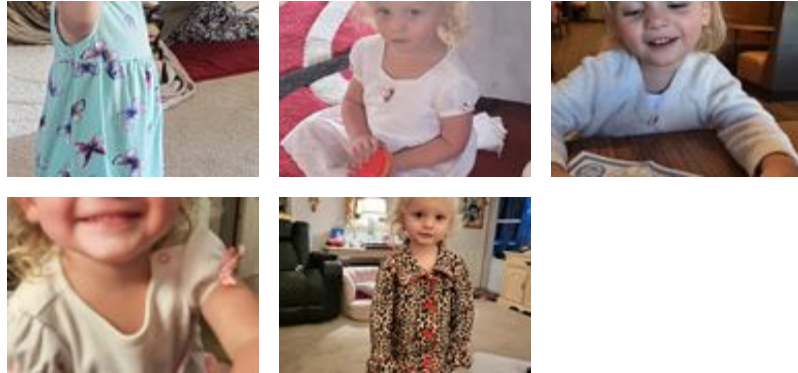
“ *Keith and I were so sorry to hear about Tiara. I hope that knowing your whole family is in our prayers will bring you some comfort.*

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**Keith and Connie Rogers** - May 20, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ 62 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services** - May 19, 2023 at 10:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Tiara Nicole Howard*.



May 19, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ *I have known this precious girl since she was a little girl. Tough as nails and a beautiful soul, inside and out. I am sad that she left this world too soon, but feel comfort in knowing she is in heaven with her beautiful sister. Prayers for peace and comfort for you Joni and all your family.*

**Tammy Rinehart** - May 19, 2023 at 10:27 AM

RS

*Thoughts & prayers and love for two Beautiful girls that will live in our hearts and minds forever and never be forgotten..  
God bless them both...*

**Ron Smith** - June 01, 2023 at 04:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tiara Nicole Howard.*



May 19, 2023 at 10:01 AM

KN

“ *Keith N. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Tiara Nicole Howard.*



**Keith N.** - May 19, 2023 at 09:57 AM

BC

“ *Brenda Cutlip lit a candle in memory of Tiara Nicole Howard*



**Brenda Cutlip** - May 19, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tiara Nicole Howard.*



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May 18, 2023 at 07:37 PM



“ *Ovella Godfrey lit a candle in memory of Tiara Nicole Howard*



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**Ovella Godfrey** - May 18, 2023 at 06:50 PM



“ *[Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Tiara Nicole Howard.*

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May 18, 2023 at 06:09 PM



“ *Joni and Family, We are so very sorry for your loss. May God hold you ever so close during this time. Sending prayers and love.*

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**Clay and Karen Persinger** - May 18, 2023 at 05:42 AM

TA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tabitha Alexander - May 17, 2023 at 11:06 PM

HS

“ Joni, My heart breaks for you..so so sorry for your loss of your beautiful daughter. You will always be in my prayers and hope you feel the comfort of your family and friends. sincerely, Helen Summers

Helen Summers - May 17, 2023 at 04:11 PM

TE

“ Joni, our prayers are with you. We are so very sorry.. Hank and Traci Ellis

TRACI ELLIS - May 17, 2023 at 12:13 PM

MN

“ Joni & Ronnie,  
Our love and prayers are with you now and always.



Marsha & Skip Nutter - May 17, 2023 at 11:47 AM

JB

“ *Joni and family I am so sorry to learn of Tiara’s passing. She was always such a pleasure to have as a student and know as an young lady.* ”

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**Jane Brady** - May 17, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tiara Nicole Howard.* ”



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May 17, 2023 at 05:46 AM

J(

“ Share a memory...where would I start? I remember when we were really little, and you would come over and hop right on my bike and take off- you had zero interest in playing with me haha. I would go to your house and end up playing Barbies with Ciara. At some point, we found the things we had in common. We must have put thousands of miles on those little four wheelers you all had- riding them wherever we wanted to go. When one was out of commission, I would ride behind you and hold on for dear life. You always surprised with a new trail or a new shortcut you had found to some cool spot in the middle of nowhere. I will never forget when we flipped on one together, and we were both lying on the ground watching that thing in slow motion up on its back tires about to flip on top of us. Like a freaking ninja, you kicked it, and it fell forward instead of on top of us. You were tough, and I admired that so much about you. I wasn't tough like you were. I think we were about nine when we stole cigarettes from your mom's store and smoked them in the woods. I felt so guilty I couldn't sleep. I woke my mom up in the middle of the night and confessed it all. And I am pretty sure we drank our first beer together at some point- warm and mixed with lemonade- yum. We went to that Everclear concert at Wesleyan and somehow ended up on stage with them. We played a whole lot of Sonic the Hedgehog, too. You were always a little quiet, but your mind was brilliant and so clever- you would bust out with the lyrics to every song. You're the first white girl I ever heard rap, and you were actually hilariously good at it. We laughed and cried together. I will forever miss those belly laughs, and I know now that the time I spent with you was God-given. Having you as my best friend during that time of life was a blessing. People say that angels are among us, and you, my sweet friend, were one. I am so sad that you only got 34 years, but I have to trust that that was part of a plan that I just cannot understand. I wish I could have seen your daughter look at you and call you "mom". I am so sorry that I missed out on that, but I promise you that I will make sure she knows what an incredible person you were. I will remember you forever, Tiara.





**Jordan Lambert (Rusmisell)** - May 16, 2023 at 09:35 PM

CT

“ *Joni, so sorry to hear of your daughter's passing. She was friends with my daughter in grade school. She was a sweet and kind soul. RIP Tiera!* ”

**Connie Goodwin Tallman** - May 16, 2023 at 09:01 PM

BW

“ *Joni and family,  
We are so deeply sorry for the loss of your beautiful girl. You're in our hearts and our prayers.  
Bob and Pam Wilson* ”

**Bob and Pam Wilson** - May 16, 2023 at 08:09 PM

CM

“ *Joni,  
I am so sorry to hear of your daughters passing. Prayers and hugs* ”



**Cheryl matheny** - May 16, 2023 at 07:58 PM

CA

“ *Prayers sent to Ronnie and Joni* ”



**Charlie Andrews** - May 16, 2023 at 07:55 PM

CT

“ There are no words, Joni. Praying God wraps your family in His loving arms and holds you tight.

Charlene Tenney - May 16, 2023 at 07:37 PM

KE

“ Karen & Gary Elbon lit a candle in memory of Tiara Nicole Howard



Karen & Gary Elbon - May 16, 2023 at 07:28 PM

CW

“ So very sorry to hear of your loss.



CONNIE J WILSON - May 16, 2023 at 06:37 PM

JW

“ So very sorry for your loss. Love and prayers for all.

Jodi Wyatt - May 16, 2023 at 05:55 PM

LR

“ I knew Tiara from the time she was born . She and her late sister Ciara spent countless days with my daughters as close friends over many years . I'll always think of her as the years pass with love for her. She was loved by many . My heart goes out to her family and friends near and far . 🙏❤️🙏

Laura Rusmisell - May 16, 2023 at 05:44 PM

KW

*Our heart felt thoughts and prayers are with all the family in the passing of Tiara. ❤️*

**Kenny & Kay Wilson** - May 16, 2023 at 07:44 PM

CW

*So sorry about your loss.*

**Carlene M Wojahn** - May 18, 2023 at 10:02 PM

TW

*“ I am so sorry for the loss of this sweet Angel. Prayers of peace and comfort for your family.*

**Tish Williams** - May 16, 2023 at 04:41 PM

SS

*“ Shane And Donna Small lit a candle in memory of Tiara Nicole Howard*



**Shane and Donna Small** - May 16, 2023 at 04:15 PM

CP

*“ So very sorry for your loss*



**Cindy Pugh** - May 16, 2023 at 04:07 PM

PG

“ So sorry for your loss prayers and hugs



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**Patty Gregory** - May 16, 2023 at 03:53 PM