



Brandi Nicole Riber

November 1, 1974 - December 27, 2021

It is with great sadness and an empty heart, that we announce the passing of Brandi Nicole Dalton Riber. She slipped from our grasp on December 27, 2021.

Brandi was born in Xenia, Ohio on November 1, 1974. If you knew Brandi, you knew this quote was true of her. "They whispered to her, you cannot withstand the storm. I am the storm, she whispered back."

As a small child and into her teen years, we knew we had a spirited child on our hands. Whatever she did, she gave it her all. From a small child learning to ride her bike with two skinned knees and elbows, she never gave up. We witnessed her on the soccer field in high school after being battered by an opponent, when she had finally had enough, she took care of the situation. As she stood over the player, she raised her arms in victory after finally winning the ball from her and stopping the abuse. We did not know right away the tenacity her spirit would hold...and how it would serve her in later life.

Brandi became an R.N. and found her forever job with Florida Cancer Specialists. This truly was her life calling, working and caring for patients for over 16 years in Fort Myers, Florida. Little did she know that she would become a patient herself. In 2010, with her nearly 3-year-old daughter in tow, she was diagnosed with Breast Cancer. Finally, after enduring several

surgeries and repeated chemotherapy she was deemed cancer-free nearly 5 years later. However, just short of those 5 years, cancer returned with a vengeance. In 2014 she was re-diagnosed with MBC (Metastatic Breast Cancer) and would bear more chemotherapy and five trial drug studies, as she endured at least seven recurrences. The spirited child in her continued to fight until her last ounce of strength left her. Brandi proved to be an example of determination and fearlessness for everyone who knew her, especially for her patients to whom she felt a connection like no other. As a mother, she fought so hard and discreetly so that Morgan could lead a normal life.

Brandi leaves her love legacy to her precious daughter, Morgan, who was her first reason to live and fight. Brandi takes part of her loving parent's hearts with her, Jerry and Terry Dalton, brother Blake Dalton (Liza), several cousins and family extended members and friends who loved her. She was grateful to her former husband Adam, for his endless care, love, and support in the last years of her fight, along with the many friends, patients, and co-workers who helped her along her way.

We can not thank the staff of doctors enough, especially Dr. W. Harwin, along with his colleagues, beloved friends/nurses, Diane Cope and Sandy Leahy, and many others at Florida Cancer Specialists who worked tirelessly to add days to her life.

If you are so inclined, the family requests any memorials should be given to METAvivor.org at:

<https://www.metavivor.org/take-action/donate/> to fight Metastatic Breast Cancer, via Metavivor.org

Throughout the six study drugs made possible by more funding, Brandi was given more time with us and gave hope to many others fighting this horrible disease. Brandi lifted up so many others with her grace and strength which

provided them with the hope they needed to face their challenges. If you know someone who has died from breast cancer, they died from metastatic breast cancer. Metastatic breast cancer, or stage 4 breast cancer, is the spread of breast cancer to non-adjacent parts of the body — most commonly to the bones, liver, lungs, and/or brain. Many effective breast cancer treatments exist, but if cancer metastasizes and spreads outside of the breast, there is no cure.

Breast cancer fundraisers are everywhere, but most of the money raised goes toward breast cancer prevention and early detection efforts. Very little of it, only 2-3%, is dedicated toward research for Stage IV, metastatic breast cancer. METAvivor is the only organization that solely funds MBC research through a scientific peer-review process. 100% of all donations go into MBC-specific research grants. METAvivor is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all donations are tax-deductible. Stage IV needs more. Let's find a cure.

The world has lost a bright force that won't soon be forgotten. Brandi knew she lived a gifted life and she will continue to bless us with the love and memories we shared with her. Her illuminating light will always shine through her daughter's eyes.

When you see a sunflower, please think of her.

“I'll love you forever, I'll like you for always,
As long as I'm living my baby you'll be.”

From the book: LOVE YOU FOREVER by Robert Munsch

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 from 5-7 pm at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 South Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

Additional services will be held in Ohio at a later date.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
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Bonita Springs, FL 34134
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Tribute Wall



“ *Brandi Nicole Riber*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *My sister, Christene worked with Brandi and became close as sisters. I had the pleasure of meeting Brandi when I came up from NJ for my niece's bridal shower that she attended. I immediately knew which of my sister's friends was Brandi. Her smile lit the room and she had such an uplifting and bubbly personality. The uncanny thing is how I also lost my close friend going on 10 years now to cancer and they were both cancer nurses that you would never know were fighting the battle too. They would get their treatments, take care of their children, and never think twice to leave work because they genuine loved the patients who loved them right back. Angels on earth is what they were and they will certainly be rewarded on the most high in Heaven. God bless Brandi's family & friends. I hope I can live up to be half the woman these warriors were.*

AnnMarie kowalski - January 07, 2022 at 09:14 PM



“ *Morgan, your mom gave so much joy to my husband, a patient there at the office. He so looked forward to seeing her on his monthly visits. She always spoke of you, of your trips, and she simply lit up with her infectious smile when talking about you. We just found out today at our office visit and are at a loss. Take comfort in the fact that you were the light of her life. Love knows no boundaries, you are in our prayers, sincerely, Cindy and Dave Yerger.*

Cindy Yerger - January 06, 2022 at 08:15 PM

SE

“ Sara S Eames lit a candle in memory of Brandi Nicole Riber



Sara S Eames - January 05, 2022 at 10:26 PM

SE

“ I had the honor of working with Brandi at FCS. Full of life. Always a smile. Always a hug for me. An amazing woman. My deepest sympathies for your loss of this amazing lady. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. Love and hugs.
Sara

Sara S Eames - January 05, 2022 at 10:26 PM

MA

“ I met Brandi at Florida Cancer Center where I am a volunteer. I will miss her smile and our conversations. May she rest in eternal peace.

Marilyn - January 05, 2022 at 05:24 PM

LF

“ Lisa Foltz lit a candle in memory of Brandi Nicole Riber



Lisa Foltz - January 05, 2022 at 04:48 PM

CS

“ *Caron Staples lit a candle in memory of Brandi Nicole Riber*



Caron Staples - January 05, 2022 at 04:15 PM

KW

“ *Kim Walbert lit a candle in memory of Brandi Nicole Riber*



Kim Walbert - January 05, 2022 at 03:21 PM

TG

“ *Dear Terry, Jerry, Morgan and Adam,
Sending our love, thoughts and prayers during this time of immense grief and sorrow. Please know you are surrounded by love. With deepest sympathy, The Gardino Family.*

terry gardino - January 05, 2022 at 01:31 PM

CK

“ *Christa Kilduff lit a candle in memory of Brandi Nicole Riber*



Christa Kilduff - January 05, 2022 at 12:13 PM

SL

“ *Brandi's love and dedication for family, friends, co-workers, and patients was admirable. She has touched so many lives and leaves a legacy of love, caring, hard work and dedication. We have gained so much knowing her. She will be truly missed. Sunflowers will never look the same, as her beauty will shine through. I pray for her wonderful family; they should find comfort in her life memories. We will meet again. Love you always!* ”



Sandy Leahy

Sandy Leahy - January 05, 2022 at 08:28 AM



“ *Milena Ayala lit a candle in memory of Brandi Nicole Riber* ”



Milena Ayala - January 04, 2022 at 11:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brandi Nicole Riber.* ”



January 04, 2022 at 09:07 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Brandi Nicole Riber.*



January 04, 2022 at 08:18 AM



“ *Jim And Jan Miller lit a candle in memory of Brandi Nicole Riber*



Jim and Jan Miller - January 03, 2022 at 06:42 PM



“ *Memorial Trees was purchased for the family of Brandi Nicole Riber.*

January 03, 2022 at 06:16 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Brandi Nicole Riber.*



January 03, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brandi Nicole Riber.*



January 03, 2022 at 02:08 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Brandi Nicole Riber.*



January 01, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *Diane Peters lit a candle in memory of Brandi Nicole Riber*



diane peters - December 31, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ *Middy lit a candle in memory of Brandi Nicole Riber*



Middy - December 31, 2021 at 09:42 AM

KR

“ *Kris And Regina lit a candle in memory of Brandi Nicole Riber*



Kris and Regina - December 30, 2021 at 04:27 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Brandi Nicole Riber.*



December 30, 2021 at 04:23 PM

JP

“ *Terry and family,*

Our hearts are broken for you. We pray that peace finds its way to you through this darkness. We love you more than you know!

It was a pleasure witnessing your loving words in the Cure Awards ceremony. Your motherly love is exemplary.

Love the Pohl family



Justyna Pohl - December 30, 2021 at 03:08 PM

PC

I knew Brandi as a little girl. I always thought she was one of the most beautiful little girls I had ever seen. Jerry is my cousin and Terri such a good friend many years ago. My heart hurts for her parents and I pray God will give them strength. Pam Carl - Fairborn Ohio

Pam Carl - December 31, 2021 at 05:37 PM

KD

“ Kristi, Aaron and Skyler DeBorde purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Brandi Nicole Riber.



Kristi, Aaron and Skyler DeBorde - December 30, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Brandi Nicole Riber.



December 30, 2021 at 01:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brandi Nicole Riber.



December 30, 2021 at 12:17 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brandi Nicole Riber.*



December 30, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ *Love, Brian and Sara McCain purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Brandi Nicole Riber.*



Love, Brian and Sara McCain - December 30, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolences on your tremendous loss, Terry and Jerry. Although I never personally met Brandi, she had to be extremely special given who her parents are! May you and your family find comfort in wonderful memories of such a beautiful soul.*

Karen Bocko - December 30, 2021 at 09:32 AM



“ *Brandi was an amazing woman and very much loved by my Family. Condolences to all of her Family especially Jerry, Terry and Morgan. Brandi will live on in spirit, and how can anyone forget those beautiful eyes. ❤️*

Connie Matlock - December 30, 2021 at 07:29 AM

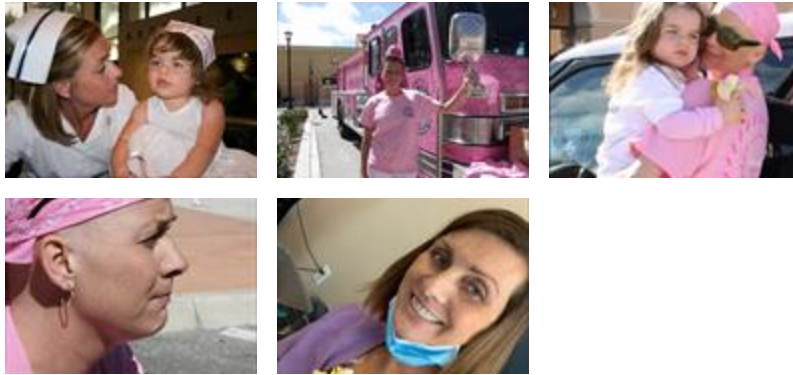
DS

“ I was so fortunate to have watched Brandi grow up. I was her music teacher at East. I adored her. Brandi was one of the most caring and sweetest students I ever had. I am so sad to hear of her passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I am so lucky that I had the chance to be a small part of her life. She was a true blessing. Debbie Stivers

Debbie Stivers - December 30, 2021 at 02:15 AM

MA

“ Thank you for fighting for so long
I love you Aunt Brandi ☐



makenna - December 29, 2021 at 11:36 PM

KD

“ Brandi was a beautiful soul and an amazing friend. I loved hearing stories about her patients and how much they adored her. She was a great nurse and I always ran nursing questions by her. I will miss her so much. Sending lots of love and prayers to Adam, Morgan, her parents and her other family and friends. .

Kristi DeBorde - December 29, 2021 at 11:09 PM

HB

“ *Brandi, the world will always be a better place because of you! Your courage and kindness will always be remembered! Love you forever. My dearest Morgan you can always count me. ❤️ Hennika*



Hennika Burger - December 29, 2021 at 09:14 PM