



## Jessica L. Jensen

July 1, 1973 - July 16, 2016

Jessica L. Jensen, age 43, passed away on July 16, 2016 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Jessica was born July 1, 1973.

Jessica was the beloved wife of Matthew P. Jensen. Loving mother of Katherine and Lauren. Dear daughter of Donald Walantyn and Melanie (Jerry) Zeiger. Dear sister of Jennifer (Dennis) Mallette. Dear granddaughter of Don and Virginia Walantyn. Cherished daughter-in-law of Rev. Mark (Liane) Jensen.

She was greatly loved by her family, plus many relatives and friends. Jessica grew up in Bangor, Michigan. After high school she attended Lawrence Technological University, where she earned her Bachelor of Science and Master's degree in Business Administration. For the last decade she has been Business Manager of the Royal Oak and Southfield Campuses of Oakland Community College.

Public visitation will be held Wednesday, July 20, 2016 from 3-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Public memorial service Thursday, July 21, 2016 at North Congregational Church, 36520 W 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills at 1 p.m., with a light lunch to immediately follow in the church fellowship hall. Private burial will take place at Oakview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to North Congregational Church or to the Michigan Educational Savings Program for her children.

For donations to the church:

Make check payable to: North Congregational Church

Note on check: In Memory of Jessica Jensen

For donations to the children's education:

Make check payable to: Michigan Educational Savings Program

Note on check: JENSEN

The gifts will be divided equally between the girls.

All memorial donations may be dropped off during the visitation or service or in both cases, mailed to North Congregational Church, 36520 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

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# Cemetery Details

## Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street  
(south of 12 Mile Road)  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 20.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Services

**JUL 21.** 1:00 PM (ET)

North Congregational Church  
36520 W 12 Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, MI 48331

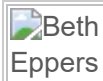
## Private Committal Service

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JUL **21** (ET)

Oakview Cemetery  
1032 N. Main Street  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Tribute Wall



Beth  
Eppers

“ Jessica was a great coworker and an even better friend. I remember being pregnant at the same time--her second, but my first--she gave me so much “first time mom” advice. Over the next few years, my daughter would often be a lunchtime visitor in our office--she was happier to see Jessica than me most times, because Jessica kept candy in her drawer! We got our girls together many times to play, and when my daughter was diagnosed with a chronic illness, Jessica was one of the first to reach out to offer support--she seemed to have endless energy and put so much of it toward helping others. The world will be a little less bright without her in it. My family’s hearts goes out to Matt, Katie & Lauren.

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**Beth Eppers** - July 22, 2016 at 09:37 AM



Cissie  
Patterson

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Jessica was a wonderful co-worker at OCC and I am so sad to hear that she has lost her battle and won her wings. - Cissie Patterson

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**Cissie Patterson** - July 21, 2016 at 02:27 PM



EL

“ Jessica was a wonderful person full of life, spunk, smarts, drive and wit who loved her children and husband so very much. She was always active in her children's school and activities, and was very involved with the Girl Scout troop our daughters were in together (particularly as the "Cookie Mom"). The world is a little less bright without Jessica's light shining in it. What a privilege it was to have known her. -The LeBarre Family

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**Erika LeBarre** - July 21, 2016 at 10:16 AM



“ Jessica had a heart of gold. Everyone who knew her loved her. I was so lucky to have such a great friend - words can not express how much I will miss her and what a great person she was. Jessica was a great wife and mother - she always did fun things with her girls and would invite my son and I along. So many great memories.

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**Michelle Jerome** - July 21, 2016 at 09:39 AM

JM

“ Although I didn't know Jessica for long, I consider myself very fortunate to have met such a great person. Her attitude and positivity is something I will forever be impacted by. My sincere condolences to her family and friends. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Jessica McKenzie** - July 20, 2016 at 05:48 PM

DS

“ Diana Schack lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen



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**Diana Schack** - July 20, 2016 at 04:56 PM

CF

“ Jessica was one of the wittiest, kindest, loving women I had the chance to know. She will certainly be missed! Love, The Fromm Family.

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**Carrie Fromm** - July 20, 2016 at 04:36 PM

KE

“ I remember when Jessica broke her leg and I pushed around in a wheel chair a couple times a week when we went to lunch in Royal oak. I started calling her "Miss Daisy" from the movie, Driving Miss Daisy." She was such a joy. I wish her family love and peace always.

Kelli - July 20, 2016 at 11:04 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jessica L. Jensen.



July 20, 2016 at 08:38 AM

KS

“ Karen Stauble lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen



Karen Stauble - July 20, 2016 at 08:20 AM

TC

“ Tony and Alison Calabrese purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jessica L. Jensen.



Tony and Alison Calabrese - July 20, 2016 at 07:57 AM

DJ

“ *Darlene Johnson-Bignotti lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



Darlene Johnson-Bignotti - July 19, 2016 at 11:40 PM

DJ

*As a colleague Jessica knew her stuff and could be a tough cookie (and I respected her for that) but she'd join you in karaoke at the staff picnic on the same day. She fought the good fight; may Jess rest in Heaven and forever in through the memories of the many lives she touched.*

Darlene Johnson-Bignotti - July 19, 2016 at 11:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jessica L. Jensen.*



July 19, 2016 at 08:33 PM

GF

“ *Gregg and Susan Lawrence & family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jessica L. Jensen.*



Gregg and Susan Lawrence & family - July 19, 2016 at 07:21 PM

AK

“ *Ann Kresowski lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Ann Kresowski** - July 19, 2016 at 05:56 PM

JT

“ *John Tata lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**John Tata** - July 19, 2016 at 05:55 PM

KD

“ *Karen Dawson lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Karen Dawson** - July 19, 2016 at 05:38 PM

PS

“ *Patti Spate lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Patti Spate** - July 19, 2016 at 04:47 PM

PJ

“ *Phelicia Jones lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Phelicia Jones** - July 19, 2016 at 04:33 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jessica L. Jensen.*



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July 19, 2016 at 04:13 PM

JB

“ *Janice Brown-Williams lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Janice Brown-Williams** - July 19, 2016 at 03:05 PM

JB

*Matt know that we at OCC will always keep Jess in our hearts and you and the girls in our prayers. May GOD keep you day by day.*

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**Janice Brown-Williams** - July 19, 2016 at 03:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jessica L. Jensen.*



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July 19, 2016 at 11:26 AM



“ *Robin Evans lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Robin Evans** - July 18, 2016 at 09:51 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jessica L. Jensen.*



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July 18, 2016 at 09:28 PM



“ *Amy Walantyn lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Amy Walantyn** - July 18, 2016 at 07:48 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jessica L. Jensen.*



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July 18, 2016 at 06:50 PM



“ *Oh Jessica, my friend and co-worker. At work, you were always there for me and went out of your way to ensure we were on the same page with different projects. Such an amazing mother, wife and friend. I will always remember your passion for nature and our walks at Kensington. My heart goes out to your family.*

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**David Kauffman** - July 18, 2016 at 04:04 PM



“ *Linda Casenhiser lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Linda Casenhiser** - July 18, 2016 at 03:19 PM



*Oh Jess....my heart goes out to your family. Seems like "just yesterday" we were at your wedding! Oh how you loved your family! They are in our hearts and prayers.*

*I enjoyed working with you at OCC Auburn Hills Campus. You were always so bubbly, smart, funny, helpful... We also enjoyed having you for a kickboxing teacher; you were supportive of us "older" folks! We had some great laughs!*

*You will be greatly missed.*

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**Linda Casenhiser** - July 18, 2016 at 03:27 PM

NS

“ *Nancy Showers lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



Nancy Showers - July 18, 2016 at 02:22 PM

TF

“ *Oh Jess you were never far from my thoughts and prayers. You, me and Kim sure had some fun times and conversations at work. You have been, are and will continue to be greatly missed. Your girls now have a special angel to watch over them and see them through. Matt, Lauren and Katie will continue to be in my prayers. This world (and of course work) will not be the same without you. Rest my friend... xoxo*

Tina Felcyn - July 18, 2016 at 01:34 PM



“ *Your family is in my prayers. Jessica was such a big part of my life during middle and high school. We had so much fun together and made some great memories. We were practically inseparable. We spent almost every weekend spending the night at one of our houses. I am so blessed to have spent a big part of my life with her. Although we didn't keep in touch after high school I never forgot what an amazing person she was.*



Laura Roe - July 18, 2016 at 01:00 PM

TH



**Tracie Watkins Hay** - July 18, 2016 at 05:16 PM

MZ

*Thank you Laura for those memories. I so remember those years. She will live forever in our hearts.*

**Melanie Thompson Walantyn Zeiger** - July 18, 2016 at 08:41 PM

BS

“*Jessica always had a smile for us at the Royal Oak Campus. She will be missed. My prayers to her family in their time of sorrow. She was loved and will be missed by all that knew her.*”



**Beverley Sault** - July 18, 2016 at 12:51 PM

NH

“*Nancy Huey lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*”



**Nancy Huey** - July 18, 2016 at 12:49 PM

NH

*Jessica had a fighting spirit that could not be denied. I respected her courage and will miss her help. She was a excellent co-worker who was generous with her time and goodwill. God bless her family and provide them with support and comfort.*

**Nancy Huey** - July 18, 2016 at 12:59 PM

DD

“ Jessica was a great person, friend to all, a hard worker and a woman who cherished her family. That was evident in every conversation. I pray for Matt, Katie and Lauren and ask that God's healing hands comfort you through this time. To know her was to love her and she will always be remembered by her friends at OCC.

Diann Dupuis - July 18, 2016 at 11:39 AM

DD

“ Diann Dupuis lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen



Diann Dupuis - July 18, 2016 at 11:36 AM



“ Laura Roe purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jessica L. Jensen.



Laura Roe - July 18, 2016 at 11:35 AM

CR

“ Cathy Ryerson lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen



Cathy Ryerson - July 18, 2016 at 11:31 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jessica L. Jensen.*



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July 18, 2016 at 11:31 AM



“ *Maria McCarthy lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Maria McCarthy** - July 18, 2016 at 10:32 AM



“ *I am so profoundly sorry to hear this news. Jessica was a truly delightful, smart and beautiful person who will be profoundly missed.*

*I grew up with Jessica in Bangor and always found her to be so funny and kind. As a child, she seemed to me to be like a honeybee, always moving so quickly and dashing from one person to the next with a thoughtful word or goofy idea. We almost never stopped laughing. These were qualities she kept as she grew older; she went through high school like me—in a cloud of 80s hairspray and with a smile on her face.*

*I can't believe she is gone. Although it's been many years since I've seen her, she will never stop living in my imagination as a great example of someone who cared deeply for others.*

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**Stephanie Van Koevering** - July 18, 2016 at 10:14 AM

MZ

*Thank you for your words, Stephanie! A honeybee, how appropriate once you described it. Indeed she was sweet!*

Melanie Walantyn Zeiger - July 18, 2016 at 11:33 AM

KH

“ *Kathleen Hendricks lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



Kathleen Hendricks - July 18, 2016 at 10:08 AM

TH

“ *Tracie Watkins Hay lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



Tracie Watkins Hay - July 18, 2016 at 10:00 AM

MZ

*Thank you Tracie! Both you and Eric were important to her.*

Melanie Walantyn Zeiger - July 18, 2016 at 11:34 AM



“ *Susan Spelker lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



Susan Spelker - July 18, 2016 at 09:45 AM



“ Jessica and I shared the joy of decorating Christmas trees and would discuss at length details and color patterns for each year. Always a bright light shining for the beauty of others.



May we all find peace and comfort during this time as we celebrate in kindred spirit the beautiful beacon of HOPE Jessica brought to all of us.

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**Crystal Sanford-Brown** - July 18, 2016 at 09:43 AM

TH

“ My sincerest condolences. Jessica was always a breath of fresh air and will be greatly missed.



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**Tom Hendricks** - July 18, 2016 at 09:43 AM

SW

“ Sue Work lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen



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**Sue Work** - July 18, 2016 at 09:40 AM

SW

*I am so sorry! Jessica was such a strong and beautiful woman and will be missed! I pray for your family!*

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**Sue Work** - July 18, 2016 at 09:44 AM

SH

“ *STEPHANIE HOLMAN lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**STEPHANIE HOLMAN** - July 18, 2016 at 09:16 AM

LF

“ *Linda Lee Rzoska and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jessica L. Jensen.*



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**Linda Lee Rzoska and Family** - July 18, 2016 at 08:52 AM

DA

“ *Dee Ann lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Dee Ann** - July 18, 2016 at 08:48 AM

DA

“ *May the Peace of God surround you while remembering your beautiful Jessica.  
Love to you all  
John and Dee Ann Ridderbos*

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**Dee Ann** - July 18, 2016 at 08:48 AM

ME

“ Our deepest sympathy. Jessica was a wonderful woman. Our prayers are with your family at this difficult time.

*Jeff & Mary Eichold*

Mary Eichold - July 18, 2016 at 08:45 AM



AB

“ Amy Baker lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen

Amy Baker - July 18, 2016 at 08:38 AM



AN

“ Ana Negovani lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen

Ana Negovani - July 18, 2016 at 08:19 AM



LR

“ We pray the love of God enfolds you during your journey through grief.

*Linda Lee Rzoska and Family*

Linda Rzoska - July 18, 2016 at 07:57 AM

MZ

*Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and prayers. Melanie*

Melanie Thompson Walantyn Zeiger - July 18, 2016 at 09:07 AM



“ *Kristy Thurston Weimer lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Kristy Thurston Weimer** - July 18, 2016 at 07:57 AM



“ *She was a wonderful person with an abundance of grace, faith, and love. God bless and my deepest sympathy to her family and friends. Peace.*

*Kim Hugelier*

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**Kim Hugelier** - July 18, 2016 at 07:49 AM



“ *Jessica was a very special person to so many of us. She touched so many lives. My thoughts and prayers and deepest sympathies to her family and all those that loved her.*



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**Renee Oszust** - July 18, 2016 at 07:42 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies to the family. Jessica was such a great person. She will be missed by many.*



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**Jessica Baughman** - July 18, 2016 at 07:13 AM



“ *Laura Roe lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Laura Roe** - July 18, 2016 at 07:00 AM



“ *My deepest heartfelt condolences to all of Jessica's family, I pray for all of you to find comfort in God's everlasting love and comfort.*

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**Rick Dillman** - July 18, 2016 at 06:49 AM



*Thank you Rick your words and thoughtfulness are appreciated!*

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**Melanie Thompson Walantyn Zeiger** - July 18, 2016 at 09:08 AM



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**Melanie Thompson Walantyn Zeiger** - July 18, 2016 at 03:25 AM



“ *Kim Lambouris lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Kim Lambouris** - July 18, 2016 at 01:35 AM

Leslie  
Dick

“ *Leslie Dick lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



Leslie Dick - July 17, 2016 at 11:48 PM

NR

“ *Nancy Richard lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



Nancy Richard - July 17, 2016 at 11:17 PM

LR

“ *My heart goes out to Jessica's family and friends.*



Laurie Rusinosk - July 17, 2016 at 10:21 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jessica L. Jensen.*



July 17, 2016 at 10:20 PM

MC

“ *Michelle Casanova lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Michelle Casanova** - July 17, 2016 at 09:56 PM

RT

“ *Rick Thompson lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Rick Thompson** - July 17, 2016 at 09:49 PM

BB

“ *Bev Bash lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Bev Bash** - July 17, 2016 at 09:46 PM

MR

“ *Mia Reid lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Mia Reid** - July 17, 2016 at 09:42 PM

DF

“ *Debbie Fiott lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Debbie Fiott** - July 17, 2016 at 09:36 PM

VL

“ *Vince Lamb lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Vince Lamb** - July 17, 2016 at 09:27 PM

DM

“ *Dave McRoberts lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Dave McRoberts** - July 17, 2016 at 09:17 PM

KB

“ *Keri Bradsher lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Keri Bradsher** - July 17, 2016 at 09:12 PM

AF

“ Jessica you always knew how to make me laugh, and I am so grateful to have known you at OCC. I am going to miss your smiling face, but I know your body is at peace now. Rest easy Jess.



Amy Fairless - July 17, 2016 at 09:07 PM

JE

“ Jen lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen



Jen - July 17, 2016 at 09:03 PM

CS

“ Carrie Smith lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen



Carrie Smith - July 17, 2016 at 08:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jessica L. Jensen.



July 17, 2016 at 08:55 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jessica L. Jensen.* ”



July 17, 2016 at 08:49 PM



“ *Crystal Collins lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen* ”



**Crystal Collins** - July 17, 2016 at 08:47 PM



“ *Kim Read Combs lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen* ”



**Kim Read Combs** - July 17, 2016 at 08:33 PM



“ *Leanne N. lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen* ”



**Leanne N.** - July 17, 2016 at 08:18 PM

Beth  
Eppers

“ *Beth Eppers lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Beth Eppers** - July 17, 2016 at 08:14 PM

CM

“ *Carrie McKeever lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Carrie McKeever** - July 17, 2016 at 08:03 PM

MZ

*Thank you Carrie for your thoughtfulness during your own time of sorrow. Melanie*

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**Melanie Thompson Walantyn Zeiger** - July 18, 2016 at 09:10 AM



“ *Michelle Jerome lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Michelle Jerome** - July 17, 2016 at 07:48 PM

NW

“ *Nancy Whaley lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Nancy Whaley** - July 17, 2016 at 07:42 PM

MZ

*Thank you Nancy. You taught us so much through the 4-H!*

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**Melanie Thompson Walantyn Zeiger** - July 18, 2016 at 09:11 AM

TJ

“ *Tracie & Louis Johnson lit a candle in memory of Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Tracie & Louis Johnson** - July 17, 2016 at 07:32 PM

MZ

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**Melanie Thompson Walantyn Zeiger** - July 17, 2016 at 07:21 PM

ML

“ *Melanie Landry lit a candle in memory of  
Jessica L. Jensen*



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**Melanie Landry** - July 17, 2016 at 06:44 PM

MZ

*Jessica was so beautiful as your flower girl at your wedding. It was a  
special day for her. Thank you for thinking of us! Melanie*

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**Melanie Thompson Walantyn Zeiger** - July 18, 2016 at 09:12 AM