



Tatum Eidson

December 26, 1996 - July 21, 2020

Tatum Noelle Eidson, age 23, was born to Chris and Melissa Eidson on December 26, 1996 in Royal Oak, MI. Tatum was known to the family as "our spirited child", she never let anyone forget it either. She was a gifted artist, talented violinist, animal lover extraordinaire, social butterfly, and a collector of anything and everything that fit her aesthetic. Tatum graduated Royal Oak High School's class of 2015. She was an enthusiastic member of the marching band and orchestra. As an artist, Tatum enjoyed further pursuing her interests at Oakland Community College where she founded an independent art club and received a Liberal Arts degree. Tatum was also featured in several art exhibitions in Detroit, Royal Oak, and Grand Rapids, where she attended Kendall College of Art and Design. After receiving her Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts, Tatum began to actively pursue her love of animals as a Veterinary Tech Assistant. This position enabled Tatum to showcase her extreme compassion for animals as she took responsibility for countless furbabies, and conned many family members and friends into adopting them.

Tatum always told you how it was even if it wasn't what you wanted to hear. She was genuine to a fault and kept everyone's best interest at heart, yet she sugar coated nothing. Her extensive vocabulary and ability to argue was more than highly proficient, and left more than one person in a confused stupor. Everyone always knew where you stood with her, she either liked you or she didn't, it was black or white.

She will be sorely missed by her parents Chris and Melissa, siblings Brice (Tyler McCullough) and Christian, grandmothers Nancy L. Ambrose and Margaret "Peg" Eidson, and dear friend Liam McNitt. Niece to Jamie (Mindy) Ambrose and Alison (Darrell) Tiedeman. Cousin to Megan (Matt), Haley, Xander, Cody, and Grace. Tatum is also much loved by many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and coworkers. She was preceded by her adoring Pappap James V. Ambrose, Grandpa Robert Eidson, and Uncle Christopher Brice Ambrose. All who loved her dearly and will never forget her tenacity, wit, charm, and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, please give generously to the Oakland County Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center, OakGov.com/PetAdoption.

Tribute Wall

NI

“ We met in a small Facebook group and developed a good online friendship. I hadn't heard from her in quite some time, and only just now learned she passed away all that time ago.

I assumed she'd been off social media doing her own thing for a while, until I saw that people were referring to her on her Instagram in the past tense... which led me to find this obituary. I am so heartbroken. My condolences to her family and all who knew her in person. Though we never met in person, our Skype calls and Facebook conversations showed me what a kind, tender and talented person she was. Ty for everything, bud.

Nico - February 14, 2025 at 07:36 PM

BC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Tatum's passing. I just found out, and am so saddened to hear the world has lost such a vibrant and thoughtful human being. I was her instructor at OCC and the Art Club Faculty Supervisor as well. She really was incredibly instrumental/the driving force, as the cofounder, in creating the art club, which provided such a safe and fun place for like minded art students to come together, share ideas, and encourage artistic growth and collaboration. The club still exists today, meeting via zoom during the pandemic, and plan to return to face to face meetings once it is safe. Tatum's memory will surely live on in this club and the benefits she has created for so many. It was a pleasure teaching her in my ceramics classes and seeing her develop her skills. She was selfless in her ability to connect and care about her classmates. She allowed me to keep her coil pot, which became my reference pot for all my intro classes, which I'd show to all my intro classes! It totally blew away the students and inspired them. Raised the bar for sure! Thank you Tatum for pushing me to become a better educator and person. You will be missed.

Sincerely,
Brian Caponi
San Jose, CA



Brian Caponi - March 17, 2021 at 11:23 AM

TR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My condolences to the family. Christian I am so sorry. My prayers are with you and your entire family.

Teresa Rollins - August 11, 2020 at 11:07 AM

MV

“ As one of Tatum’s professors for several classes, it is with a heavy heart that I read this news. She was a genuine maker, committed to her ideas and pursued a personal calling in class. She will be missed.

Margaret Vega - August 04, 2020 at 04:00 PM

DZ

“ The Kendall College of Art and Design Painting faculty send their deepest condolences. We will always remember Tatum as a free spirit—following her dreams wherever they might take her. She was caring, imaginative and always surprising!

Diane Zeeuw - August 04, 2020 at 03:29 PM

KD

“ Please accept the heartfelt sympathies of the entire Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University (KCAD) community. Tatum is well remembered by faculty and staff alike and as a college community, we are honored that we were able to be part of her journey and deeply saddened by this loss.

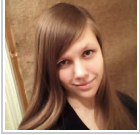
Kendall College of Art and Design - August 04, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Tatum Eidson.



July 26, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ Dear Melissa, Chris, Brice, Christian, Nancy and your extended family. Our hearts are shattered. We are forever thankful to know all of you, and to have been neighbors, schoolmates and friends of Tatum’s.

Tatum's talents shone through even in childhood - just an absolute darling, following her own course in life. Always an animal in tow. Always talking about animals. Always a sweet and strong girl filled with wonder grown into strong and beautiful young woman. Wish we were together more in the high school years and on. From afar, we'd see some of her art works, photos and drawings, and musicality, Absolutely remarkable! Her art speaks. It reaches into us. She is a modern Van Gogh! Maybe not the same style, but an intensity matched only by the two. Van Gogh is Van Gogh. Tatum Noelle Eidson is Tatum Noelle Eidson!

Melissa, you are the strongest woman I have ever met!! So positive, so can do, so talented, and SO FILLED WITH AN UNWAVERING FAITH IN GOD!! Lean on God's gifts. The gifts of having Chris, Brice, Christian, Nancy, Papp Papp's and Christopher's memories, Chris's family and all who know and love you too! Lean on these angels who have passed before us. They are hand in hand with Tatum now, showing her the peace, the love, and the wonders of EVERYTHING!!

Brice and Christian, we love you sweethearts. What a trio of Eidson children. All unique, all strong, all so very talented in every way. Wish we could just hold onto you and help to take away some of your hurt. You are always and forever part of our hearts. Always.

We will hold our memories of Tatum close in our hearts for as long as we live. We've been forever touched by someone so special and unique! A gift from her to us. Cherished forever. We will be making a donation to Oakland County Animal Shelter in Tatum's memory and it will be an honor for us to do so.

Melissa, Chris, Brice, and Christian, she will be all around you guys. You haven't heard the last of her vocabulary for sure. Embrace it, believe in it, find the balance between the sunshine and the sorrow. Laugh at the funny joys she brought to you, when you are ready.

Most of all, we hope you know that there are people out here who love and care about all of you. There may be people you don't realize are always remembering Tatum and holding you close to our hearts, but we are out here. Not just today, but always.

Liam, we are sure that Tatum was as lucky to have you as her friend, as you were to have Tatum. Hold onto it. Find peace honey. It will be out there in even the tiniest places. Just look for it.

With great sadness and with great hope for light in your lives,

Laurie, Sarah, and Shauna Zetye

Shauna Zetye - July 25, 2020 at 04:49 PM

AL

“ *Ann L. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Tatum Eidson.*



Ann L. - July 24, 2020 at 09:19 PM

BE

“ Please join us in celebrating Tatum Noelle Eidson on Saturday, July 25th.

We would like to invite friends and family to a drive through visitation in remembrance of Tatum. This is an opportunity to greet immediate family members and express condolences without leaving your vehicles.

The procession will meet in the Madison High School parking lot at 6:30pm (address below). Designated hosts will greet participants and provide a votive, paper bag, and prayer card. Please bring a writing utensil to customize your paper bag. Once the group is assembled, participants will be escorted along a designated route to the Eidson household where they may pay their respects. Designated hosts will be available to receive your customized votive and bag, please do not light your votives.

*Madison High School
915 E 11 Mile Rd
Madison Heights, MI 48071*

*Eidson House
28371 Dartmouth Street
Madison Heights, MI 48071*

Brice Eidson - July 24, 2020 at 09:00 PM

LM

It was so beautiful. Thank you for having this. Over 165 cars with multiple people and more I know would want you to know how she touched their lives. Love her and all she brought to the world. I worked with her and will miss her. May her magical spirit live on!

Linda Morpew - July 26, 2020 at 09:33 AM

DA

“ Dear Melissa, Chris, Brice, & Christian, We are all so very sorry for the loss of your BEAUTIFUL GIRL, TATUM!! She was a unique gal, with a light that shined so brightly. Please know that she was also very blessed in having you as parents & siblings, whom I know loved her deeply. May you find comfort amongst one another. We pray that the lord gives you strength, courage, & PEACE. Much Love & Prayers for you all. GOD BLESS YOU ALL! 🙏 In Deepest Sympathy, Marty & Diane Ardito, & Family.

diana ardito - July 24, 2020 at 12:17 PM



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Liam McNitt - July 24, 2020 at 11:39 AM



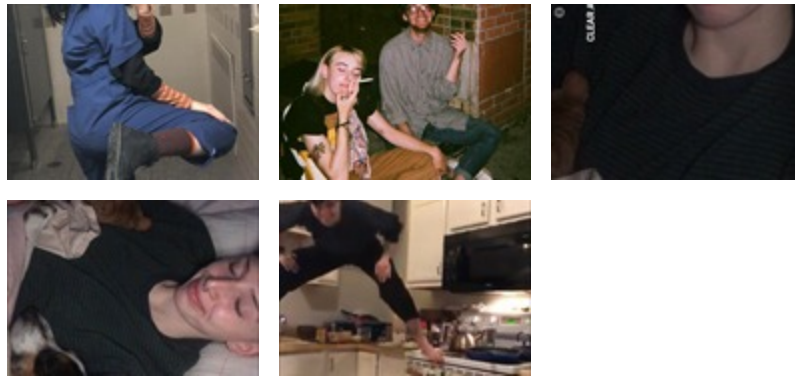
“ *RIP Tatum Eidson. You were a kind soul & a very talented artist. This photo was taken 3.9.17, the night we met and the first art show I curated for Tatum at Tangent. Tatum's presence will be greatly missed and I'm glad I got to share a few memories with her*



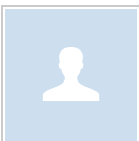
Laura from Tangent Gallery - July 24, 2020 at 11:37 AM



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Liam McNitt - July 24, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tatum Eidson.*



July 24, 2020 at 10:18 AM

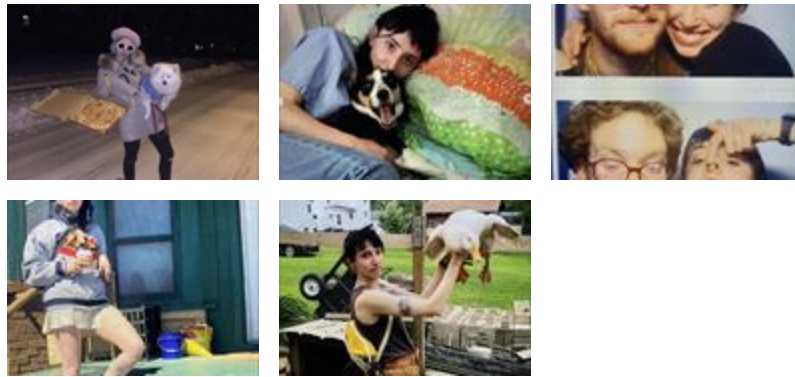
EP

“ Oh, Tatum. I am so, so grateful for our high school orchestra years. You were one of the only people that really appreciated my weird and goofy self in high school, and I don't think you ever understood how much that meant to me. I don't think I even realized until now how important you were to me. I'm so lucky to have known you. So thankful we were able to stay in touch, mostly through dumb meme's and appreciating each other's weird posts. I'll miss you. Thank you for the art and memories you've left us.

Elena Panyard - July 23, 2020 at 09:24 PM

BE

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Brice Eidson - July 23, 2020 at 09:06 PM



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July 23, 2020 at 09:05 PM

MR

“ *Mel and family - We are deeply saddened to hear of Tatum's passing - sending thoughts and prayers to you all during this heartbreaking time! Your soccer family is here for you Mel - if there's anything we can do please let us know! Love Michelle, Rob, and Alec Rinaldi*

Michelle Rinaldi - July 23, 2020 at 08:35 PM

TB

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Tatum was such a sweet, loving soul. You are all in our prayers.*

The Burketts - July 23, 2020 at 07:28 PM