

**W**ith heavy hearts, the family announces that Ariana Joy Schneider, age 33, unexpectedly passed away on September 29th, 2025, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Ariana was born April 18th, 1992, in Fridley, MN. She was a beautiful baby and was truly a precious gift from God. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

In her formative years, her two older brothers, Andrew and Gabriel, entertained Ariana with many adventures. She also loved going to visit her grandparents in north central Wisconsin. She enjoyed being with her friends and was always kind, compassionate and supportive of them. Ariana was involved with various activities, however, spent most of her time dancing competitively at QC Dance and also, on the Blaine High School Dance team. She graduated from Blaine High School, MN in 2010.

She then moved to attend college at South Dakota State University. Ariana graduated in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science in Communications. She pursued a successful career in finance. Her latest job title was 'Director of Network Relations' at Pathward Financial Services. During this time period, she met her husband, Ryan Schneider. They were married on September 25, 2021 and lived in Sioux Falls.

Her passion in life was for her husband, Ryan, and their 15-month-old son, Beckett! She was selfless, positive, loving and dedicated in everything she was involved with. Her positive, upbeat attitude, warm spirit, and beautiful smile were contagious! She was truly a bright light full of love. She had many accomplishments in life, but none more important than her son, Beckett. She truly excelled at being a mother and provided the type of nourishment that cannot be explained in words. Together with her husband and son, they enjoyed spending time outdoors going for walks, fishing, camping, and being a family.

Ariana is survived by her husband - Ryan Schneider, son - Beckett Schneider, parents - Mark & Jenifer Smith, brother - Gabriel Smith, nephew - Aden Smith, niece - Meadow Smith, grandfather - Edmond Smith, and her in-laws Richard and Mary Schneider, sister-in-law Angela Schneider, along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and coworkers.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Andrew Smith, maternal grandparents, Robert and Dorothy Schumacher and paternal grandmother, Teresa Smith.

# *In Memory Of* **Ariana Joy Schneider**

April 18, 1992 † September 29, 2025

## **Celebration of Life**

11:00 AM

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Embrace West Campus  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

## **Officiating**

Pastor Jacob Lewis

## **Scripture Reading**

LeeAnn Schumacher - cousin

## **Soloist**

Rob Wernberg - uncle  
"Amazing Grace"

## **Scripture Reading**

Lindsey Palmer - friend

## **Eulogy**

Kayla Buchmann - friend

## **Pallbearers**

Gabriel Smith - brother

Aden Smith - nephew

Neal Schumacher - uncle

Todd Schultz - cousin

Zach Wernberg - cousin

Luke Wernberg - cousin

Sam Wernberg - cousin

Ben Wernberg - cousin

## **Interment**

Rosendal Lutheran Cemetery  
Sherman, South Dakota

**To My Son Beckett**

*When I must leave you for a little while,  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile,  
And for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do all the things the same,  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,  
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you and hold your name,  
And never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*



***Forever In  
Our Hearts***

