





Jess' family would like to express their sincere gratitude for your presence as well as any memorials that have been given. Your support during this difficult time has meant so much to them.

Celebration of Life
Monday, October 26, 2026
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Pipestone Performing Arts Center
Pipestone, Minnesota

Special Music
Al Opland Singers

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Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



Jessica "Jess" Potts
October 30, 1973 - October 17, 2026

Jessica "Jess" Kathleen Potts was born on October 30, 1973 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Shortly after she was born, she moved to Port Lavaca, Texas where she attended school. In 1987, she moved with her family to Woodstock, Minnesota and continued her education in Pipestone, Minnesota. From a young age Jess never sat still, she was always moving. She was involved in baton twirling, tap, jazz, ballet and toe dancing, gymnastics, choir, show choir and Girl Scouts. She was incredibly proud to be in the gifted and talented program. In the summers, she was a lifeguard. In 1992, she graduated from Pipestone High School. She then joined Job Corps in Nemo, South Dakota where she met the love of her life. On March 12, 1994, she was united in marriage to Wallace Potts in Pipestone. Following their marriage, they lived in Lake Benton, Minnesota while Jess worked as a CNA at the Good Samaritan Society and Ashton Care Center in Pipestone until 2000. Jess adored caring for the residents and getting to know them and their families. They then moved to Woodstock and Jess began working at the Pipestone County Museum where she ended up becoming the assistant director. That same year, Jessica joined the Al Opland Singers and The Calumet Players. In 2003, she went back to work at Good Samaritan as a CNA and they moved to Pipestone. Two years later they welcomed their son, Toby and she became a stay-at-home mom and a licensed child care provider. In 2010, Jess and her family moved to Box Elder, South Dakota where she enjoyed homeschooling her son and her niece and nephews. In 2013, they moved back to Pipestone and she once again joined Opland's and Calumet Players and throughout the years spent countless hours directing and producing many shows for both. Jess started her favorite job in 2014 as a choreographer for both the Calumet Players and Reggie Gorter Vocal & Dance Studio. In 2024, she began choreographing local Quincenaeras. In November of 2024, Jess moved with her husband and son to Worcester, Massachusetts where she enjoyed seeing all the sights and learning the history of her new home. On October 17, 2026, she passed away unexpectedly at the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the age of 52 years, 11 months and 18 days.













Along with being a member of Al Opland Singers and Calumet Players, Jessica was also involved with the Lake Benton Opera House, and the Crystal Theatre in Flandreau, South Dakota. She served as a Girl Scout troop leader, director of Calumet Children's Theatre and Chair of the Pipestone Human Rights Committee. Jess enjoyed reading, dancing, singing, acting, coloring and cross stitching. She also enjoyed collecting trinkets, video gaming, watching horror movies, and was an activist, an advocate and a wig connoisseur. Jess loved to share her wig expertise on her YouTube channel, where she was able to connect with others on a personal level. There were no strangers in her life - everyone was a friend she had yet to meet. She wholeheartedly believed in people's rights and doing the right thing no matter what. She went out of her way to help other people. She had so many personal phrases that her family liked to call them "Jessicaisms". Jess' personality took center stage in her life, she always made people laugh until they cried, welcomed everyone with open arms and walked alongside them no matter what. Her love was larger than life and will continue on in the legacy that she poured her heart and soul into.

She is lovingly remembered by her husband, Wallace Potts of Worcester, Massachusetts; her son, Toby Potts of Worcester; her mother, Jean Hoss of Pipestone, Minnesota; father, Michael (Sheri) Hoss of Kenneth, Minnesota; siblings, Kristyn (Sherman) Taber of Pipestone, Amber (Troy) Olson of Pipestone, Laura Hoss of Lincoln, Nebraska, Rhonda (Dave) Scott of Rapid City, South Dakota, Brandon (Amber) Foster of Blackhawk, South Dakota, Chad (Anna) Foster of Louisiana, Rick (Rechelle) Foster of Rapid City and Sabrina Swenson of Luverne, Minnesota; and many nieces, nephews aunts, uncles, cousins and castmates. She was preceded in death by her father, Jesus "Jesse" Herrera; grandparents, William "PeePaw" and Edna "Granny" Davis, Benjamin "Abuelito" and Antonia "Toni" Herrera, Doris Hoss, Berniece Potts, Constance "Connie" Gilmore and Terry Finley; and her brother, William Davis.