



Alexandra Festin Burd

June 25, 1982 - September 16, 2020

Alexandra Festin Burd, age 38, of Lake Forest passed away unexpectedly on September 16, 2020.

Alexandra was born in Hinsdale on June 25, 1982 to Rowena and the late Dan Festin. She was a 2004 graduate of Penn State University and went on to have a successful career in finance working for the Chicago Bears and as an executive with the Big Ten Network.

She was a lifelong member of Grace United Methodist Church in Lake Bluff and was a Girl Scout Cookie Mom. She had many talents, but superior cooking and party hosting skills are at the top of the list. She will be remembered as a dedicated and fiercely loyal wife, mother, daughter, sister, and friend.

Loving wife of 12 years to Corey K. Burd; caring mother of Penelope age 9 and Cressida age 5; beloved daughter of the late Dan and Rowena Festin of Lake Forest; doting sister of Andrew Festin and Erin Loughlin of Chicago; aunt of Zinnia Festin; granddaughter of Patrick (Ofelia) Pascual of Seattle, Washington and the late Benjamin and Henrietta Festin; sister-in-law of Caleb (Jody) Burd of Honey Grove, Pennsylvania and Christi (David) Portzline of Port Royal, Pennsylvania; daughter-in-law of Paul and Troy Burd of Port Royal, Pennsylvania; niece to dear aunts and uncles. She is also survived by

ten nieces and nephews in Pennsylvania and a large and loving extended family.

Interment at Lake Forest Cemetery will be private.

Arrangements by Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest, 847-234-9649 or www.RTfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate to the family as you desire at the following link: <https://gf.me/u/y2dc5i>

Cemetery Details

Lake Forest Cemetery

1525 North Lake Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Tribute Wall



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Sarah Saulnier - May 17, 2021 at 11:44 AM

NH

“ Corey, Penelope, and Cressida - words can't express how saddened I am by your loss. Your wife and mom was an amazing person. She was my best friend at The Big Ten Network for four years. COVID has had few silver linings but one of them was that I was able to reconnect with old friends in the time we've had in lockdown. I was able to talk with Alex more over the last six months than I had in the last 9 years since leaving Chicago. I will treasure those hours on the phone forever and I will always remember her laugh. Alex loved you girls and she will be with you forever.

Nicholas Hill - September 29, 2020 at 05:34 PM

DM

“ Having a hard time reconciling this...but I'm just one of many people that are struggling with "why".

To Corey, my heart breaks for you for the loss of your life partner. To Penelope and Cressida, I pray that as you grow older, that your void will be filled with endless stories of the very exceptional woman that you too briefly called "Mom". Life is brief. Life is unexpected. Life is not fair. One thing is certain, it is all part of God's plan. On the days when you might feel the most sad, I pray that God will rest His hands upon your shoulders to ease the pain. I pray that through Him you will find strength and fortitude to live a life that will make Alex proud. Study hard, practice hard, make good choices. Your Mom is always watching. Be a leader...just like your Mom. Show unbelievable compassion for others...just like your Mom. Know that while she is with God, she also lives within you. Never stop talking to her, never stop thinking of her. She will always listen. I had the distinct pleasure and honor of working with Alex for 8 years.

Dan Moschella - September 29, 2020 at 04:54 PM

KH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked as a teacher with Cressida since she was a toddler, and I always have loved seeing the family at drop offs and pickups. May she R.I.P, and all the teachers are by your side. God Bless You.

Kate Hilbrant - September 26, 2020 at 10:14 AM

MG

“ I remember Alex sang in the choir at Grace UMC. Rowena, Andrew and family members, I am deeply sorry for the loss of Alex. May light perpetual shine on her. The Lord is my shepherd.
Michael Gagne, former organist of Grace UMC Lake Bluff

Michael Gagne - September 25, 2020 at 10:50 AM

LO

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I have been a teacher for both Penelope and Cressida. My love goes out to the family.

Laura Orabi - September 23, 2020 at 09:27 PM

MA

“ Dear Cory, Pippa, Cressa and Roni,

We will always remember Risa for all the delicious meals, table settings & time spent together. Whether it was super bowl, game night or holidays together. Her laughter & facial expression when she cracked a joke.



I always admired her talent & her thoughtfulness. She always took the time to be grateful when someone would do something for any of you. Even when she was ill, she was always grateful. That is very rare.....

I remember Risa waving when I stopped at your home to pick up kare- kare with a big smile on her face.

She was full of love.....

She will be truly missed. Please know we are here for you. 🙏🙏

Sincerely,
Vaswani family

Maya - September 21, 2020 at 04:07 AM

MK

“Lecks Phestin”

Beth and I were devastated when we heard about your sudden passing last week. We owe so much to you and are eternally grateful that you suggested Beth and I start dating.

I still see little Lecks looking out your back window as my dad and I finished our house that backed to yours circa 1987. You were the first person I met in town and I cherish our childhood memories. Thank you for letting my sisters and I play on your playground growing up. Forgive me for spitting on your lawn as I now forgive you for spitting on mine. Also, it was your fault I peed my pants on your playground - you told hilarious jokes! (Your childhood nickname of "Risa" was so fitting - you were always smiling as long as there weren't bugs around.) I miss eating adobo pork with you and your Grandma until I was so stuffed I could hardly walk home. I'm sure you don't miss the weeks I drove us to high school in the '89 Pontiac, aka the "Red October," as I don't miss having to listen to Hanson when you drove. But I always enjoyed your company and our early morning conversations.

We're sure you're enjoying being reunited with your dad. He loved you so much and I appreciated tagging along whenever I could. I fondly remember our visits to the Chicago Auto Show, but my favorite was "take your child to work day" with your dad and you at United Airlines. (For us it was really "take your child and your neighbor's nerdy, pasty-white kid to work day.") Do you think his coworkers suspected that I wasn't actually Filipino?

We pray that your spirit will continue in your daughters and they may fill the world with smiles and laughter like you always did. We miss you and love you.

Mike, Beth (Halle), Miles, Ryan, Vivienne Koob

Mike Koob - September 20, 2020 at 10:50 PM