



BETHANY MAY VANDER BEEK, of Coaldale, Alberta, went to be with Jesus on Friday, February 25th, 2022 at the age of 18 years old. A tragic accident took her life too soon and she will forever be missed.

Bethany was born in Grande Prairie, Alberta on January 8th, 2004. She moved to Coaldale with her family in 2009, where she attended St. Joseph's School and will be recognized as a graduate of CCH, 2022.

She is adored by her parents John and Vanessa Vander Beek, siblings Surrey, Jonathan and Ezra Vander Beek and grandparents: grandmother Gertie Vander Beek and grandfather George Jones. She is reunited with her paternal grandfather, maternal grannie and her dear friend Kennedy Clarke.

Bethany was a bright light to everyone who met her, even if it was just for a moment. She was genuinely sweet in every way, always loving, kind and soft to those around her. Her spirit was gentle, her personality bubbly and contagious, her demeanour was confident, and her heart loyal. She loved slushie runs, car karaoke, candy, peaches, glamping up and sushi. Volleyball was her passion. She played for St. Joseph's, Catholic Central, LVC and Panthers. Later, she volunteered as an assistant coach in Picture Butte. She excelled in math and was always willing to help others reach their potential. Bethany was a dedicated worker, starting at Dairy Queen at the age of 14 and then recently as a hostess at Moxies in Lethbridge. She was the one with the beautiful smile greeting you at the door. Bethany faithfully attended Parallel Church, where she would often recite the entire sermon verbatim.

She loved her friends and family deeply; her heart will forever be for her highschool sweetheart Riley McCloud. Bethany and Riley's friendship began in elementary school, they were excitedly planning their graduation and their bright future together. Bethany was warmly welcomed into the McCloud family who loved her as their own.

Bethany's bond with her siblings was a gift to her family and she was often the reason behind the laughter in the home, the playful fights and show tune outbursts. Bethany had the shoulders that we could all lean on, her wisdom and maturity was beyond her years. Above all else, her sincere love for Jesus is what shaped her into who she is and the unhindered love and grace she showed towards others. She would want you to know, she's in His arms.

Celebration of Life

Parallel Church

1 Mile East of Lethbridge on Hwy #3
Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 2:00 P.M.

Officiant - Pastor Kelly Stickel

- Order of Service -

Candle Lighting - John and Vanessa Vander Beek

Opening - Pastor Kelly Stickel

Song - *Oceans* - Mackenzie McCloud and Avery McCloud

Scripture Reading - *1 Corinthians 13* - Pastor Kelly Stickel

Tribute from Holy Spirit School Division
Bruce Gal and Gary Saler

Song - *Voice of God* - Ezra Oevering

Tribute - McCloud Family

Mike, Shauna, Jared, Mackenzie, Riley,
Avery, Hayden O'Brian, Collen Rosario

Eulogy - Vander Beek Family

John, Vanessa, Surrey, Jonny, Ezra

Message - Pastor Kelly Stickel

Video Tribute - prepared by Jason Stroeve

Prayer of Comfort - David Harrison

Song - *The Blessing* - Ashley Harrison & David Stroeve

Closing - Pastor Ralph Molyneux

Reception

Following the Celebration of Life, relatives and friends are invited to share in a time of refreshments with the family at Parallel Church